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## 'Afghanistan would be wiped off the face of the Earth'



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President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in the White House on Monday.

## Trump's comments prompt dismay, calls for clarification in Kabul

BY PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Afghan government has called for clarification of remarks made by President Donald Trump that he could end the war in Afghanistan in a matter of days by wiping the country "off the face of the earth," although he would not do so.

Trump's comments in the Oval Office, ahead of a meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, came amid growing concerns that the Kabul government is being

sidelined in discussions of the country's future.

"Given the multifaceted relationship between Afghanistan and the United States, the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan calls for clarification on the U.S. president's statements," President Ashraf Ghani's office said in a statement Tuesday.

"While the Afghan government supports the U.S. efforts for ensuring peace in Afghanistan, the government underscores that foreign heads of state cannot determine Afghanistan's fate in the absence of Afghan leadership," the statement added.

Months of preliminary peace negotiations between American and Taliban officials aimed at ending the war have excluded the government, though the U.S. says Kabul's eventual participation is mandatory.

U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad arrived in Kabul on Tuesday for talks with the Afghan government to map out next steps in the peace process, the State Department said. Khalilzad will also meet in Afghanistan with civil society representatives, including women's rights groups, before traveling to

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## S. Korea fires warning shots in Russian plane incident

BY KIM GAMEL  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean fighter jets fired some 360 warning shots after a Russian military aircraft violated airspace twice Tuesday off the peninsula's east coast in an unprecedented breach, defense officials said.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it had carried out a joint air patrol with China in the Asia-Pacific region for the first time. But it denied that any border violations took place.

The encounters occurred after three Russian and two Chinese warplanes entered South Korea's air defense identification zone, which is a buffer zone that's not defined by international law or treaty, the officials said.

A Russian early warning and control plane then advanced and briefly flew over the eastern-most islets of Dokdo, which South Korea considered a violation of its territorial airspace.

Seoul mobilized fighter jets, including F-15s and F-16s, which fired warning shots to block the Russian aircraft. Officials told reporters those included flares and machine-gun rounds that were fired toward an area more than

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■ N. Korea's Kim tours new sub amid nuclear tensions

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# PACIFIC

## N. Korea's Kim inspects new sub amid tensions

By KIM GAMEL  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspected a new submarine and its weapons systems, state-run media reported Tuesday, the latest apparent effort to raise pressure on the United States amid efforts to resume nuclear talks.

He expressed "great satisfaction" after reviewing the operational and tactical and combat weapons systems of the new submarine, the Korean Central News Agency reported, adding that its operational deployment is "near at hand."

"The operational capacity of a submarine is an important component in [the] national defense of our country beyond its east and west by sea," Kim was quoted as saying.

He also "stressed the need to steadily and reliably increase the



Korean Central News Agency

**North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspects a new submarine in this undated photo.**

national defense capability by directing big efforts to the development of the naval weapons and equipment" such as submarines, KCNA said.

The report came about a week after North Korea warned it may restart its nuclear weapons testing program if the U.S. conducts joint military exercises with South

Korea as expected next month.

KCNA didn't provide specifics about the submarine's weapons systems or a date for the inspection.

The U.S. has largely dismissed the saber-rattling by North Korean media as the administration presses to break the deadlock that stalled negotiations aimed at persuading Kim to give up his nuclear weapons.

President Donald Trump met with Kim on June 30 in a surprise summit in the truce village of Panmunjom on the heavily fortified border that divides the peninsula. He said the two leaders agreed to resume talks, but no date has been set.

Talks stalled after Trump and Kim ended a late February summit in Vietnam without agreement due to differences over their respective demands for complete denuclearization and incremental sanctions relief.

The KCNA report and photos of Kim inspecting the submarine are the latest indication that the North is continuing its military development in tandem with diplomatic efforts.

Experts have pointed out the North never agreed to cease development, although Kim did order the suspension of the missile and nuclear tests that raised fears of war and prompted a war of words with Trump in 2016-17.

North Korea has been known to be working aggressively on building a ballistic-missile submarine, which poses major security risks because it would be harder to detect than land-based systems and able to maneuver in international waters.

The North successfully tested a submarine-launched ballistic missile in August 2016.

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## Warning: Russia claims patrols with China not directed against third countries

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half a mile ahead of the Russian plane.

The Russian plane left the airspace after three minutes but returned about 15 minutes later, according to a timeline provided by officials from the Joint Chief of Staffs and the Ministry of National Defense.

The Russian aircraft finally left the airspace and flew out of the air defense identification zone after South Korean fighter jets responded again.

"This is the first time military planes from a foreign country violated our territorial sky," officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity according to department policy.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry summoned Russia's acting ambassador, while the military summoned Russia's defense attaché to file a formal complaint with them.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it had joined China in conducting "the first joint air patrol by long-range aircraft in the Asia-Pacific region," according to the Tass news agency.

The ministry insisted that the flights were part of a military cooperation plan and not directed against third countries.

It also dismissed reports of warning shots against the bombers, claiming "this would have triggered an immediate response." However, the statement didn't refer to an A-

50 reconnaissance plane, which is what the South Koreans said entered their territory.

President Moon Jae-in's national security adviser, Chung Eui-yong, warned Moscow that South Korea takes the intrusion very seriously and "will take much stronger measures" if it happens again.

Foreign planes have intruded into the air defense identification zone, known as KADIZ, but Seoul said it was the first time Chinese and Russian military planes conducted what appeared to be a joint operation.

The Russian planes that trespassed in the KADIZ included two TU-95 bombers as well as the reconnaissance aircraft. The Chinese

planes were both H-6 bombers and stayed in the area for the same amount of time, according to the South Korean military.

The South Korean fighters sent more than 30 radio messages trying to communicate with the Russian and Chinese aircraft but received no reply, officials said.

The former Soviet Union was a major benefactor of the communist North. A Soviet fighter jet fired a missile at a South Korean passenger plane that had strayed into Soviet territory, killing the 269 people on board in 1983.

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## MILITARY



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An F-15E Strike Eagle sits on the flight line at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in 2015. On Monday, Turkey's foreign minister implied that U.S. access to bases such as Incirlik might be limited if Washington imposes sanctions on Turkey over its acquisition of a Russian air defense system.

## Turkey hints at review of base access if US levies sanctions

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — If Washington slaps sanctions on Turkey over its acquisition of a Russian air defense system, U.S. use of two strategically vital bases could be at risk, the country's foreign minister suggested.

"We are currently running the process, whether it's Incirlik, Kurecik or other issues," Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Monday. "If America has very negative steps toward us, if there are sanctions or further steps, we will have answers to America."

Cavusoglu, who was speaking to Turkish TV news channel TGRT Haber, didn't elaborate on what that process entailed. He dismissed concerns that the dispute with the U.S. could eventually result in Turkey being forced out of NATO, but said that if sanctions are imposed they will respond.

"If America has a hostile attitude towards us — as we have told them, we have no secrets — we take the countersteps," Cavusoglu said. "It's not a threat. It's not a bluff."

Incirlik has been a hub for operations in the Middle East dating to the early days of the Cold War. The base, where nuclear watchdogs say roughly 50 U.S. nuclear bombs are stored, has played a key role in operations against Islamic State in Syria and Iraq.

U.S. operations at Incirlik are continuing normally and the military-to-military relationship with Turkey hasn't been affected amid the diplomatic tension, Gen. David Goldfein, Air Force chief of staff, said Friday.

The U.S. also operates a radar on a mountaintop in Kurecik, which plays a key role in NATO's ballistic missile defense network.

Operating in Turkey has always been complicated. During the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq, Turkey prohibited the U.S. from staging forces in the country.

Other allies also have grown frustrated with various Turkish demands over the years. In 2017, Germany pulled its troops out of Incirlik because of diplomatic disputes with Turkey and moved them in Jordan.

The U.S. also has ramped up its presence in Jordan, spending about \$150 million in the past couple of years on improvements at Muwaffaq Salti Air Base. Some security analysts have said the U.S. could shift operations to Jordan or even Greece if forced out of Incirlik.

Ankara's purchase of the Russian S-400 air defense system, which arrived at a Turkish base last week and is expected to be operational by early 2020, has elevated tensions with Washington. In response, the U.S. has expelled Turkey from the F-35 program, ending the country's plan to acquire more than 100 of the stealth fighters.

Washington also has warned that it could impose economic sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act. So far, President Donald Trump hasn't made clear what he will do, but Turkish leaders have said they believe Trump won't retaliate with economic penalties.

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## Trump orders Pentagon to make magnets

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday ordered the Defense Department to spur the production of a slew of rare-earth magnets used in consumer electronics, military hardware and medical research amid concerns China will restrict exports of the products.

Trump invoked the 69-year-

old Defense Production Act — once used to preserve American steelmaking capacity — to remedy what he called "a short-fall" in production of the super-strong magnets made with rare-earth minerals neodymium and samarium.

The Defense Production Act allows the president to prioritize contracts for materials, equipment and services in order to

preserve or build up domestic manufacturing capabilities.

Trump's orders Monday singled out magnets made of neodymium, iron and boron as well as those made with samarium and cobalt.

The action follows a Trump administration report in June asserting that the U.S. needs a stable supply of critical minerals to ensure U.S. economic prosperity and the national defense.

# Commandant's parental leave pledge praised

By NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

The new Marine commandant's pledge to significantly expand parental leave has buoyed advocates for military families, who say they hope that policies allowing for more caregiving time will spread beyond the Marine Corps.

Marine Commandant Gen. David Berger said in planning guidance released earlier this month that he planned to "do everything possible to provide parents with opportunities to remain with their newborns for extended periods of time," including considering up to a yearlong leave of absence for new mothers before returning to full duty.

"We are very excited to see the Marine commandant's decision," said Amy Barron Smolinski, the executive director of the advocacy group Breastfeeding in Combat Boots. "From our members and followers I can tell you there's tremendous support. It's saying we believe in you and your families."

Tina Sherman, of the advocacy group momsrisng.org, said her organization was similarly optimistic.

"We're very excited that this is being talked about," she said. "We're celebrating all the steps forward. In the end, families are going to be benefiting from this."

Berger's guidance represents the first time a service chief has expressed plans for such an expansion of time off to care for newborns.

"We should never ask our Marines to choose between being the best parent possible and the best Marine possible," Berger's letter said. "Our parental/maternity leave policies are inadequate and have failed to keep pace with societal norms and modern talent management practices."

Marines, like women in the other three Pentagon services, are entitled to six weeks of convalescent leave and six weeks of "primary caregiver" leave.

The plan, which would apply only to Marines, would more than restore the 18 weeks of leave sailors and Marines were granted by then-Navy Secretary Ray Mabus in 2015, a policy slashed to 12 weeks later by then-Defense Secretary Ash Carter.

At the same time, Carter's policy doubled the six weeks of leave provided earlier by the Army and Air Force.

Navy officials regarded the 2015 change as detrimental to families and efforts to recruit and retain women, according to reports at the time.

"So good for the commandant to say this isn't good enough," Mabus said Monday, according to Military.com.

The expanded maternity leave could more closely align leave policies with those of allied militaries.

Female Canadian, British and career Israeli troops, for example, get paid maternity leaves of at least 15 weeks, with up to a year of partially paid leave.

But those countries also have national health care and insurance programs that pay for maternity leave for working civilian mothers. In the U.S., there is no federally mandated parental paid leave.

In 2016, only 14% of civilian workers had access to paid parental leave through their employers, according to the National Compensation Survey conducted by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

According to Sherman, a majority of new mothers either could not qualify for the 12 weeks of unpaid time off required by the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act or could not afford to use it.

Decades of studies have shown that women need at least six to eight weeks to physically recover from childbirth and that giving parents time to bond with a new baby improves health outcomes.

"We know the benefits are there," Sherman said. "We need to get there."

Both groups have sought changes to current parental leave policies dictated by the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act.

"In cases of stillbirth, all parental leave is rescinded, which is deeply problematic," Barron Smolinski said.

The Marine Corps took the lead on that issue as well, she said, issuing a clarification last year ordering six weeks of convalescent leave to be authorized in those cases.

"We see this as part of a continuum," Barron Smolinski said. "We look at this as the U.S. military is often the leader in social policy. If the Marines can make it work, then the military can make it work. If the military can make it work, maybe we can make it work for everyone."

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## MILITARY

## Norquist tapped as deputy DOD secretary

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WASHINGTON — David Norquist was nominated Tuesday by President Donald Trump to be the next deputy defense secretary, a job that he has been doing since January.

Trump announced his intention to nominate Norquist as deputy secretary in June along with Mark Esper, whose nomination as defense secretary was confirmed by the Senate on Tuesday.

Norquist will return full time to his position as the Pentagon's comptroller and chief financial officer, which he has held since 2017, while awaiting Senate confirmation as deputy defense secretary.

Norquist's confirmation hearing is scheduled for Wednesday morning before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

His confirmation could be a quick process as the Senate nears its monthlong August recess in two weeks.

"The deputy secretary of defense is the number two civilian role at the Pentagon, so it's incredibly important to receive a formal nomination and confirm the nominee quickly," Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in a statement Thursday about Norquist's hearing. "But while there is a sense of urgency, the committee must thoroughly consider nominations that we receive."

Norquist has been working in federal financial management for about three decades, according to his Pentagon biography.

He was also the first Senate-confirmed chief financial officer for the Department of Homeland Security.

As the Pentagon's comptroller, Norquist was responsible for overseeing the department's first full audit since it was required by Congress in the early 1990s.

At the time it was released in November 2018, Norquist said he believed it was the largest financial audit ever undertaken, with \$2.7 trillion in assets and \$2.6 trillion in liabilities.

Norquist received Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Michigan.

He also received a Master of Arts in National Security Studies from Georgetown University in Washington.

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## Esper confirmed as Pentagon chief

By CAITLIN M. KENNEY  
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WASHINGTON — The Senate on Tuesday confirmed Mark Esper as defense secretary, ending seven months of turmoil about who would secure the top job at the Pentagon and lead the U.S. military.

Esper was confirmed in a 90-8 vote by the Senate. Sens. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.; Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.; Kamala Harris, D-Calif.; Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.; and Cory Booker, D-N.J., who are all Democratic presidential candidates, were among the lawmakers who voted no.

Since former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis resigned Dec. 31, there have been three acting defense secretaries leading the Pentagon.

Former acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan was announced by the White House in May as President Donald Trump's intended nominee for the position, though it never happened. Shanahan resigned in June after several news outlets reported incidents of domestic violence within his family.

Trump then selected Esper to be acting defense secretary.

By July 15, his nomination to the position was submitted to Congress. Navy Secretary Richard Spencer then stepped in as acting defense secretary while Esper went through the Senate confirmation process.



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Mark Esper testifies during the hearing on his nomination as defense secretary last week. The Senate confirmed him Tuesday.

Spencer will leave the post Tuesday after Esper is appointed to the job.

"We're in a very great position we're not very often in in that we have someone that is enthusiastically supported by Republicans, by Democrats, and he is obviously the right person who has the trust of our president, he has the trust of our military, the trust of Congress and the country to keep our nation safe," Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said before the Senate voted to confirm Esper.

firm Esper.

Esper is the first defense secretary to have graduated from a service academy, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1986. He received a commission as an infantry officer and later worked on Capitol Hill as a staffer and then as the vice president for government relations at Raytheon, the top lobbyist for the country's third-largest defense contractor.

Esper's confirmation to defense secretary was quick, lasting seven business days from his nomination to the vote approving

his appointment to the job.

He faced a confrontation during his confirmation hearing July 16 with Warren, who raised concerns about potential conflicts of interests with his former employer, Raytheon. Despite Warren's objections, Esper was approved Thursday for the job by the Senate Armed Services Committee in a voice vote.

Trump was expected to sign the appointment letter for Esper as defense secretary Tuesday evening, Jonathan Hoffman, chief Pentagon spokesman, said Tuesday. His first day as defense secretary is expected to be Wednesday.

With Esper's move to defense secretary, Ryan McCarthy, the undersecretary of the Army, is expected to be nominated as Army secretary. Trump announced in June that McCarthy was his choice.

When Esper was the acting defense secretary, McCarthy had stepped up to become the acting Army secretary and will return to that role now that Esper is defense secretary.

If nominated for Army secretary, McCarthy would not have to step down as acting secretary because as the first principal deputy to the secretary, he is responsible for filling the role if it is vacant.

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## Fees for base housing firm withheld

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WASHINGTON — The Air Force has paused incentive fee payments to a company that runs its on-base housing at 21 installations amid allegations Balfour Beatty Communities, LLC employees falsified maintenance work logs delivered to the service.

John Henderson, the assistant secretary of the Air Force, said in a statement that he has ordered the fees — about \$4.3 million — withheld until Balfour Beatty conducts an independent review of the maintenance that it has completed at Air Force installations and the work orders documenting those actions. He gave the company 90 days to complete that assessment.

The Air Force initially suspended maintenance incentive payments last month to Balfour Beatty after the company's own allegations surfaced that an employee had provided service officials falsified maintenance logs at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. Those logs showed maintenance work completed in the time allotted for the company to receive the incentive pay, while other logs held by the Balfour Beatty showed the work took longer

to complete, according to Reuters and CBS News, who first reported the falsified logs in a joint report June 18. They reported some military family members living in those housing locations were exposed to sewage spills, vermin and mold outbreaks.

It marked the latest in a laundry list of allegations of aberrant conditions in privatized on-base U.S. military housing across the globe that has raised the ire of Congress and top Pentagon officials in recent months.

On Monday the Air Force said a new allegation had been brought to its attention this month of similar falsified maintenance records at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho.

"The Air Force takes these allegations very seriously and is taking immediate action to ensure housing management controls are in place at Mountain Home and other locations managed by" Balfour Beatty, Henderson, the service's installation management chief, said in a statement.

"In addition, the Air Force has communicated the gravity of the situation to [Balfour Beatty] leadership and notified the Air Force Office of Special Investigations." A spokesperson for Balfour Beatty said Tuesday that the compa-

ny had suspended an employee at Mountain Home who might have improperly filed maintenance work orders amid an investigation. The spokesperson said the company is also probing allegations of wrongdoing at Tinker.

"We are cooperating fully with the U.S. Air Force and relevant authorities on these matters," the company said in a statement. "The allegations made do not reflect the culture or the work ethic of over 1,200 employees across Balfour Beatty Communities who are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of conduct and service at all the military facilities for which we are proud to be responsible."

Balfour Beatty oversees about 15,500 homes at Air Force installations. The company is responsible for another 18,900 homes on Army posts and 8,600 Navy homes.

Officials with those services declined to comment specifically on the allegations raised at Air Force installations but they said Tuesday that reviews would be conducted on maintenance logs.

The Pentagon in recent months has said it has addressed major problems at tens of thousands of privatized, on-base homes after issues including mold, pest in-

festations, shoddy workmanship and unresponsive maintenance officials surfaced last year in installations around the world. Top service leaders have worked to forge better relationships with landlord companies and to establish new guidelines meant to empower the tenants of military housing to hold those companies accountable when they do not provide adequate living conditions.

Lawmakers, meanwhile, have heard extensively from military leadership, on-base housing companies and tenants about the issues and plans to address them.

The military for most of its history ran its own on-base housing. But in 1996, the Pentagon and Congress agreed to move its housing into the hands of private companies to own, maintain and run. That effort, the result of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, was meant to address squalid living conditions in military housing raised in a Defense Department internal report.

Some lawmakers in Congress in recent months have called for the military to take back ownership of on-post housing in hopes that commanders would better care for their troops and families.

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## WAR/MILITARY

# Iran's navy chief: All US ships in Gulf recorded

By ADAM TAYLOR  
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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A fleet of drones has allowed Iran to watch every U.S. ship in the Persian Gulf region and develop an archive of their daily movements, Iran's top naval commander said in an interview published Tuesday.

The comments come days after President Donald Trump said that a U.S. warship destroyed an Iranian drone. The Islamic Republic denied that a drone had been shot down and subsequently released a video of a U.S. ship that it claimed, without explanation, proved their version of events.

In an interview with a local news site, Rear Admiral Hossein Khanzadi, the head of Iran's navy, expanded upon that point, claiming that drones watch every U.S. ship in the region.

"Our drones have significant

ranges and have no limitations in communication links. We have a complete archive of images of American vessels approaching from very far distances," Khanzadi said in an interview with the Young Journalists Club.

Khanzadi said there was "an immense archive of the day to day and even moment to moment movements of American forces, whether in the Persian Gulf or Oman sea."

Iran has recently bragged about the technological advances in its drone program and promoted videos with dozens of drones running staged bombing runs.

Khanzadi's remarks were greeted with skepticism by some analysts, who say that Iran has often inflated its capabilities in a bid to rally domestic support and confuse foreign rivals.

"There's more than an element of bravura in the claim" that Iran can watch all U.S. ships in the re-

gion, said Douglas Barrie, a senior fellow specializing in aerospace at the Institute for International Strategic Studies in London.

Jeremy Binnie, Middle East and North Africa editor at Jane's Defence Weekly, said there was little doubt that Iran could track ships going through the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow waterway through which a significant amount of the world's traded oil is transported.

"Their ability to track all those ships once they are in the Gulf is far more questionable," he added.

Khanzadi's comments highlight the central role that unmanned aerial vehicles are playing in the dispute over the Persian Gulf. Last month, Iran shot down a U.S. drone that it said had entered its airspace.

In response, the United States planned a retaliatory attack, but Trump called it off at the last

minute.

Trump said Thursday that a U.S. navy ship destroyed an Iranian drone that came too close to it. The drone came within 1,000 yards of the USS Boxer in the Strait of Hormuz before the crew "took defensive action" and "immediately destroyed" it, according to the president.

The next day, Iran rejected the claim and said that all of its drones had returned to their bases.

"We have not lost any drone in the Strait of Hormuz nor anywhere else," tweeted Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi.

The Iranian Revolutionary Guard later released video apparently shot from a drone tracking the USS Boxer. The drone recorded three hours of video of the USS Boxer and five other vessels from when they had entered Strait of Hormuz, the Revolutionary Guard said on its website.

Though it was not clear how the video proved that a drone had not been shot down, it did offer a glimpse into how Iran uses its unmanned vehicles to track U.S. ships.

Though Iran's drones are used primarily for surveillance, U.S. officials and experts have expressed concern that drones could be fitted with weapons and used in combat by Tehran and its allies.

Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency ran an article on Tuesday that suggested American military leaders were worried of risks posed by the drone technology.

"Pentagon generals are deeply concerned that if Iranian drones can pass their radars without being tracked by their terminating mechanisms, they might as well carry out military attacks on their vessels if needed," the article said.

## Comments: Many Afghans 'have been hurt by Trump's words,' Kabul resident says

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Qatar to resume talks with the Taliban aimed at ending the United States' longest war.

Trump on Monday described the U.S. military's continued presence in Afghanistan as "ridiculous."

Some 14,000 American troops are in the country training Afghan forces and conducting counterterrorism missions as the war continues into its 18th year.

"I think Pakistan is going to help us out to extricate ourselves," Trump said, comparing U.S. forces in Afghanistan to policemen and saying he could win the war in a matter of days but it would result in the deaths of 10 million people.

"I have plans on Afghanistan that, if I wanted to win that war, Afghanistan would be wiped off the face of the Earth," Trump said. "It would be gone. It would be over in — literally, in 10 days and I don't want to go that route."

The Trump administration instead is banking on a diplomatic solution that includes Afghanistan's neighbors, particularly Pakistan, whose cooperation is seen as vital for lasting peace. The U.S. has said it would



PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN/Stars and Stripes

**Kabul resident Siaghutullah Kakar criticized President Donald Trump on Tuesday for saying he could end the war in Afghanistan by wiping the country off the face of the earth.**

like Pakistan to use its leverage to get the Taliban to agree to a cease-fire.

Islamabad has long been accused of fomenting unrest in Afghanistan and providing the Taliban with sanctuary to or-

chestrate cross-border attacks. In January 2018, Trump cut off \$1.3 billion in annual aid payments to Pakistan for not doing enough to combat terrorism.

Islamabad has repeatedly rejected claims it is aiding the

Taliban.

Monday's meeting between Trump and Khan, who was visiting the White House for the first time, suggested a thawing of relations.

"To be honest, I think we have a better relationship with Pakistan right now than we did when we were paying that money," Trump said. "But all of that can come back, depending on what we work out."

News of the meeting, especially of Trump's comments, was avidly discussed by Kabul residents Tuesday.

Some called Trump's comments irresponsible and worried the Taliban would use them in their propaganda to recruit more fighters.

"As the leader of the U.S., Trump should have used better words," said Siaghutullah Kakar, 26. "Statements like that can really harm this country."

Others said the U.S. president's threat should not have been directed at Afghanistan but at its neighbor, Pakistan.

"Trump should be telling Khan that Pakistan will be wiped off the earth if it keeps harboring terrorists, not that destroying

Afghanistan is an option," said Hakim Bashrat, 41.

"Afghans have been working side-by-side with Americans and other foreign troops for years to fight terrorism, and because of this, many Afghans, including myself, have been hurt by Trump's words," Bashrat said.

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## Army reveals aspects of secret operation around DC

By TONY CAPACCI  
Bloomberg

The Pentagon has revealed a few details about a secret Army mission that has Black Hawk helicopters flying missions over the Washington area backed by active-duty and reserve soldiers.

The mysterious classified operation was disclosed when the Army asked Congress for approval to shift funds to provide an extra \$1.55 million for aircraft

maintenance, air crews and travel in support of an "emerging classified flight mission."

It's part of a \$2.5 billion request this month to "reprogram" funds in the current fiscal year's budget to programs considered high priority.

"Without additional funding, the Army will not be able to perform this classified mission," the Defense Department said.

"Soldiers from assault helicopter company and aviation main-

tenance units will be supporting the mission with 10 UH-60s and maintenance capabilities for four months," according to the document, referring to the Black Hawks.

The money will also pay for a specialized "Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility" at Davison Army Airfield at Fort Belvoir, Va., just outside Washington.

Army spokesman Wayne Hall declined in an email to comment

on some possibilities — including whether the mission involved protecting the White House or other federal buildings and whether it's making use of specialized command units of the Pentagon's Joint Special Operations Command, which includes the Army's Delta unit and Navy's SEAL Team 6.

Hall said the operation began early in the fiscal year, which started Oct. 1, and "the duration of the mission is undetermined."

## MILITARY

# Day care operator charged in baby's death

By WYATT OLSON  
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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — A Hawaii woman operating an unlicensed home day care at an Army-managed complex has been charged with manslaughter in the antihistamine poisoning death of a 7-month-old, according to court documents filed Monday.

Dixie Denise Villa, 40, was arrested after turning herself in at Honolulu Police Department headquarters Saturday in the death of Abigail Lobisch, who died Feb. 24 while staying overnight at the day care at Aliamau Military Reservation in Honolulu. Her bail was set at \$1 million, according to documents filed in Hawaii First Circuit District Court.

The autopsy report found Abigail's death was caused by a lethal amount of diphenhydramine in her blood stream — roughly double the amount that has proven fatal in other infant deaths.

Diphenhydramine is an over-the-counter antihistamine used to relieve symptoms of allergies and colds. The drug, which also goes by the brand name Benadryl, also induces sleep.

Children younger than age 6 are advised to not use diphenhydramine unless directed by a doctor.

Toxicology testing found the level of di-

phenhydramine in the girl's blood stream at 2,400 nanograms per milliliter, court documents said. The average concentration found in infants who have died from diphenhydramine is 1,400 nanograms per milliliter.

The child's mother, Anna Lobisch, had been using Villa's day care services for about four months.

On Feb. 23, she dropped Abigail and her 2-year-old brother off at the Aulani Hotel, a Disney resort, where Villa had stayed the previous night with her two children, court documents said.

After spending the day at the pool at the resort, Villa brought the four children back to her home at Aliamau. Villa told Honolulu Police Department detectives the children were badly sunburned and that she applied lotion on them.

Villa told detectives that the four children slept in one bed and that Abigail was "sleeping face down on her chest and the other three children were lying next to her," court documents said.

About 8:30 the next morning, Villa said she saw Abigail lying face down and



Abigail Lobisch



Villa

that her skin looked "splochy." She was cold to the touch.

Villa told detectives the only thing she had given Abigail for the sunburn was the lotion.

Anna Lobisch, who still lives in Hawaii, declined to comment on the arrest and charges.

Villa's husband, Aaron Villa, an active-duty Navy sailor, filed for divorce soon after Abigail's death. He was granted a temporary restraining order by Hawaii family court and is seeking sole legal and physical custody of the couple's two children because she is "not capable of safely caring for the children and neglects children to the extent that the children are not safe in her custody," court documents said.

Both moved out of Aliamau. Dixie Villa said in court documents earlier this year that she had no permanent home and was now "couch surfing" with friends.

She was arrested numerous times on battery and domestic violence charges from 1997 to 2006 while living in Hillsborough County, Fla., under the name Dixie Denise Smith. She was convicted of domestic

violence battery in 1998 and of battery in 1999.

Villa had continued to operate the unlicensed day care at Aliamau despite being shut down several times by military police.

Katie Camario, who lived next door, said she witnessed unsupervised toddlers in the backyard playing in unsafe conditions, including one incident in which a child was playing with a barbecue lighter.

Shortly after Abigail's death, Camario and other neighbors of the day care showed up at an Army town hall meeting at Fort Shafter being held to gather comments about housing problems.

"If you all knew for the span of over a year now that this had been going on at this home, why did you let it go on for this long?" Camario said to the gathered Army officials.

The Army has yet to answer that question.

US Army Hawaii has completed an investigation into Villa's unlicensed day care, as well as the prevalence of unauthorized day cares and what the Army is doing to deal with such providers. It is not issuing any findings from that investigation, according to an Army Garrison Hawaii spokesman.

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## Navy police officer gets 39 years after child sex crime conviction

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A Navy police officer was sentenced to 39 years in prison after his conviction Friday of seven child sex crimes involving an acquaintance's 6- and 8-year-old children.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Adam Pyron, 29, a former master-at-arms at Yokosuka, was found guilty of rape of a child, two counts of attempted rape of a child and four counts of sexual abuse of a child by indecent communication, indecent exposure and sexual contact after a weeklong jury trial.

The charges stem from the night of Feb. 4 after a Super Bowl party at a new friend's home, when Pyron was accused of exposing himself to the children, rubbing himself on the 8-year-old and having the 6-year-old perform oral sex on him, according to court testimony.

A week of testimony told a story of a fall from grace and loss of innocence that left two families in agony.

The two families met while living temporarily in the base lodge after arriving in Japan, the victims' mother told Stars and Stripes in a few months later, after settling into their new home, the victims' parents were eager to make friends and invited acquaintances to watch the big game, the victims' mother told Stars and Stripes. But only Pyron came.

In Japan, the time zone difference meant the Super Bowl kick-

off started at 8:30 a.m. Monday. Sailors are traditionally given the day off to celebrate the American pseudo holiday. For Pyron, that involved drinking sun-up to sundown at his new friends' house, according to testimony.

When night fell, he was too drunk to go home, so the family let him sleep on the living room couch, according to testimony. Because they are minor victims of a sex crime, Stars and Stripes is not identifying the family involved.

The 8-year-old was asleep in her second-floor bedroom that night when she woke to her 6-year-old sister telling her Pyron wanted them to come downstairs, she testified July 16 while clutching a stuffed unicorn.

The three lay down on the couch the 8-year-old told jurors. The rest of the family was asleep upstairs.

That's when Pyron exposed and rubbed himself on the 8-year-old before she ran upstairs, the sisters testified. The 6-year-old said "the bad man" then told her to give him oral sex. She later ran away.

Pyron found her and did it again, before offering to reciprocate, the 6-year-old said through tears on the witness stand.

"You can't do that to kids," the 6-year-old told Pyron, according to her testimony. She then told him to leave.

In the morning, the sisters told their mother what had happened as she was getting them ready for school. The family went to the base police station — Pyron's command — to report the crime, the victims' mother testified.

Pyron later admitted to the

acts, saying he was "disgusted with himself" in a video of a four-hour interrogation with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service the following day.

"I remember realizing what I was doing, and it freaked me out so I left," he said in the interrogation video. "I don't do this stuff, but apparently I do."

On Wednesday, DNA forensic analyst Dawn Bassett testified that investigators found the 6-year-old's DNA on Pyron's genitals, according to court testimony. Bassett said the DNA was "likely from bodily fluid," such as saliva.

Pyron's defense team argued that pointed to his innocence because as a law enforcement officer he would have known to shower off any DNA evidence if he were guilty.

While the 6-year-old's DNA was found on Pyron, none of the 8-year-old's DNA was found on him, according to Bassett's testimony.

Pyron's DNA wasn't discovered anywhere in the house or on the girls, Pyron's wife, Maria Pyron, told Stars and Stripes on Tuesday. The DNA analyst testified that none of Pyron's DNA was found on the 8-year-old, but she was not asked by the prosecution whether his DNA was found in the house or on the 6-year-old.

It should have been somewhere in that room and it wasn't anywhere," Maria Pyron said.

Pyron took the stand July 17 to retract his confession, which the defense argued was coerced. He testified that NCIS agents falsely convinced him of his guilt during the interrogation.

Coming from a law enforcement



MARIA PYRON

Then-Petty Officer 1st Class Adam Pyron, shown at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, early this year, was sentenced to 39 years in jail after his conviction for child sex crimes.

background, Pyron said, he had no reason to disbelieve investigators.

Pyron told jurors he was very intoxicated that night and his memory was hazy. He had more than 16 drinks before interacting with the children, according to his testimony.

He told jurors he woke up to small hands on his genitals. His pants were already undone, he testified, and it was dark and difficult to see.

Maria Pyron told Stars and Stripes her husband remembered that the hands were "sticky," which she said explained why the 6-year-old's DNA was found. She testified July 17 that her husband told her he thought something nefarious happened to him that night, she testified.

"He told me he remembered hearing, 'My daddy's not gonna be your friend anymore,'" Maria Pyron told Stars and Stripes.

Pyron told jurors he didn't initially reveal this memory to investigators because it didn't fit with the NCIS version of events that he

was led to believe.

Jurors on Friday convicted Pyron on all charges. The judge, Capt. Stephen Reyes, sentenced him immediately to 39 years in prison, dishonorable discharge and reduction in rank to E-1.

Pyron is appealing the verdict, Maria Pyron said.

"This isn't over yet," Maria Pyron said. "My husband is not capable of something like this, and if he was, I wouldn't be standing here right now."

Maria Pyron said she is moving her family back to the United States while her husband goes to prison. She will stand by him, she said.

The victims' mother told Stars and Stripes the incident has changed her family permanently.

"This is a bitterness victory; ours, as well as the lives of others have been forever marked by the actions of this sailor," she said. "We remain sad, yet hopeful."

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## NATION



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Special counsel Robert Mueller is scheduled to testify before Congress on Wednesday. The Justice Department says he must confine his testimony to what has already been released publicly.

## Trump says he'll watch 'a little' of Mueller testimony

By JONATHAN LEMIRE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — He won't watch. Well, maybe just a little bit.

President Donald Trump on Monday feigned indifference to Robert Mueller's upcoming congressional testimony, an eyebrow-raising claim for a media-brownsed president who has been concerned for months about the potential impact of the former special counsel's appearance.

Much of Washington will stop in its tracks Wednesday as Mueller testifies on Capitol Hill for at least five hours, a nationally televised event that for many Americans will be their first detailed exposure to the former special counsel's findings on Russia's 2016 election interference.

The Justice Department on Monday told Mueller his testimony should not go beyond information that has already been released publicly.

Trump told reporters in the Oval Office: "I'm not going to be watching — probably — maybe I'll see a little bit of it. I'm not going to be watching Mueller because you can't take all those bites out of the apple."

That was a shift from Friday, when Trump insisted that he would not watch any of Mueller's back-to-back appearances before two House committees.

Either way, the president has continued to wage war on the former special counsel's credibility, sending out a series of tweets Monday in which he deemed Mueller, without evidence, "highly conflicted" and said that "in the end it will be bad for him and the party Democrats in Congress who have done nothing but waste time on this ridiculous Witch Hunt."

Trump's Twitter account may well be the main vehicle for the White House to respond to Mueller's testimony.

Though the probe did not establish charges of criminal conspiracy or obstruction, there has been

growing concern among those close to the president that Mueller's appearance could push undecided or reluctant Democrats toward impeachment. Even so, there appears to be little evidence of an organized White House response plan to the hearings.

The president has a light schedule Wednesday morning, when Mueller begins speaking, before heading to West Virginia for evening fundraisers. The TVs aboard Air Force One are likely to be tuned to coverage of the hearings, and the president is expected to watch or be briefed on most of the proceedings, according to four administration officials and Republicans close to the White House. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss internal plans.

Mueller plans to begin with an opening statement that a spokesman said would be similar in substance to his May 29 statement from the Justice Department podium. In that statement, he cautioned Congress that he would not go beyond the text of the report if called upon to testify and explained his team's decision to neither seek an indictment of the president nor exonerate him on obstruction of justice allegations.

Responding to a request from Mueller about limitations or potential privilege issues, a senior Justice Department official, Bradley Weinsheimer, told Mueller in a letter that the department expects that he will not stray beyond his report when he testifies. Weinsheimer also told Mueller that he should not discuss the redacted portions of his report or the actions of people who were not charged.

While the report did not find sufficient evidence to establish charges of criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia to swing the election, it said Trump could not be cleared of trying to obstruct the investigation.

# Trump, Congress reach debt, budget agreement

By ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and congressional leaders announced Monday a critical debt and budget agreement that's an against-the-odds victory for Washington pragmatists seeking to avoid political and economic tumult over the possibility of a government shutdown or first-ever federal default.

The deal, announced by Trump on Twitter and in a statement by Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, will restore the government's ability to borrow to pay its bills past next year's elections and build upon recent large budget gains for both the Pentagon and domestic agencies.

"I am pleased to announce that a deal has been struck," Trump tweeted, saying there will be no "poison pills" added to follow-up legislation. "This was a real compromise in order to give another big victory to our Great Military and Vets!"

The agreement is on a broad outline for \$1.37 trillion in agency spending next year and slightly more in fiscal 2021. It would mean a win for lawmakers eager to return Washington to a more predictable path amid political turmoil and polarization, defense hawks determined to cement military increases and Democrats seeking to protect domestic programs.

Nobody notched a big win, but both sides view it as better than a protracted battle this fall.

Pelosi and Schumer said the deal "will enhance our national security and invest in middle class priorities that advance the health, financial security and well-being of the American people." Top congressional GOP leaders issued more restrained statements stressing that the deal is a flawed but achievable outcome of a government in which Pelosi wields considerable power.

However, it also comes as budget deficits are rising to \$1 trillion levels — requiring the government to borrow a quarter for every dollar the government spends — despite the thriving economy and three

rounds of annual Trump budget proposals promising to crack down on the domestic programs that Pelosi is successfully defending now. It ignores warnings from deficit and debt scolds who say the nation's fiscal future is unsustainable and will eventually drag down the economy.

"This agreement is a total abdication of fiscal responsibility by Congress and the president," said Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a Washington advocacy group. "It may end up being the worst budget agreement in our nation's history, proposed at a time when our fiscal conditions are already precarious."

At issue are two separate but pressing items on Washington's must-do agenda: increasing the debt limit to avert a first-ever default on U.S. payments and acting to set overall spending limits and prevent \$125 billion in automatic spending cuts from hitting the Pentagon and domestic agencies with 10 percent cuts starting in January.

Pelosi and Schumer claimed rough parity between increases for defense and nondefense programs, but the veteran negotiator retreated on her push for a special carve-out for a newly reauthorized program for veterans utilizing private sector health care providers. Instead nondefense spending increases would exceed increases for the military by \$10 billion over the deal's two-year duration.

In the end, nondefense appropriations would increase by \$56.5 billion over two years, giving domestic programs 4% increases on average in the first year of the pact, with a big chunk of those gains eaten up by veterans' increases and an unavoidable surge for the U.S. Census. Defense would increase by \$46.5 billion over those two years, with the defense budget hitting \$738 billion next year, a 3% increase, followed by only a further \$2.5 billion increase in 2021.

The measure would first advance through the House this week and to the Senate next week before Congress takes its annual August recess. Legislation to prevent a government shutdown will follow in September.

## Franken regrets resigning from Senate

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Former Democratic U.S. Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota told The New Yorker magazine in a story published Monday that he "absolutely" regrets resigning from the Senate after several women accused him of unwanted kissing or touching.

In the same article, seven current or former senators say they regret calling for Franken's resignation in December 2017. Franken resigned last seat after conservative talk radio host Leeann Tweeden and seven other women accused him of sexual harassment.

The article, Franken's first interview since leaving the Senate, calls into question some of the assertions against Franken and quotes several female former staff members and close friends who described him as physically clumsy but not predatory.

Franken said at the time that the allegations were false, and he repeats that in The New Yorker article. A former comedian who made his name on "Saturday Night Live," Franken resigned



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Former Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., said in a New Yorker magazine story that he "absolutely" regrets resigning from the Senate.

amid a national wave of sexual harassment allegations against men in powerful positions as the #MeToo movement was gaining momentum.

Both Franken and Tweeden had called for an independent investigation at the time, but none was conducted before fellow Democrats forced Franken to re-

sign three weeks after Tweeden made her claims.

Asked by The New Yorker whether he regretted stepping down, Franken said: "Oh, yeah. Absolutely."

"I can't go anywhere without people reminding me of this, usually with some version of 'You shouldn't have resigned,'" he told the magazine.

Tweeden alleged in 2017 that Franken told her during a USO tour to entertain soldiers in 2006 that he had written a comedy sketch with her in mind that required her to kiss him. She said Franken forcibly kissed her and stuck his tongue in her mouth during a rehearsal of the sketch before they performed it in Afghanistan.

The New Yorker cited two actresses, Karri Turner and Traylor Portman, who had played the same role as Tweeden on earlier USO tours with Franken. Both told the magazine that they had performed the same role as Tweeden on earlier tours with Franken and that there was nothing inappropriate about his behavior.



## NATION

# Deportation authority expanding across US

By ELLIOT SPAGAT  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Trump administration announced Monday that it will vastly extend the authority of immigration officers to deport migrants without allowing them to appear before judges, its second major policy shift on immigration in eight days.

Starting Tuesday, fast-track deportations could apply to anyone in the country illegally for less than two years. Previously, those deportations were largely limited to people arrested almost immediately after crossing the Mexican border.

Kevin McAleenan, the acting Homeland Security secretary, portrayed the nationwide extension of "expedited removal" authority as another Trump administration effort to address an "ongoing crisis on the southern border" by freeing up beds in detention facilities and reducing a backlog of more than 900,000 cases in immigration courts.

U.S. authorities do not have space to detain "the vast majority" of people arrested on the Mexican border, leading to the release of hundreds of thousands with notices to appear in court, McAleenan said in the policy directive published Tuesday in the Federal Register. He said Homeland Security officials with the new deportation power will deport migrants in the country illegally more quickly than the Justice Department's immigration courts, where cases can take years to resolve.

The agency "expects that the full use of expedited removal statutory authority will strengthen national security, di-

minish the number of illegal entries, and otherwise ensure the prompt removal of aliens apprehended in the United States," McAleenan said.

The American Civil Liberties Union and American Immigration Council said they would sue to block the policy.

"Under this unlawful plan, immigrants who have lived here for years would be deported with less due process than people get in traffic court," said Omar Jawdat, director of the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project.

"Expedited removal" gives enforcement agencies broad authority to deport people without allowing them to appear before an immigration judge with limited exceptions, including if they express fear of returning home and pass an initial screening interview for asylum.

The powers were created under a 1996 law but went largely unnoticed until 2004, when Homeland Security said it would be enforced for people who are arrested within two weeks of entering the U.S. by land and caught within 100 miles of the border.

The fast-track deportations have become a major piece of U.S. immigration enforcement over the last decade. Critics have said it grants too much power to immigration agents and U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials.

The potential impact of the new measure is difficult to predict. McAleenan said 20,570 people arrested in the nation's interior from October 2017 through September 2018 had been in the U.S. less than two years, which would make them eligible for fast-track deportation under the new rule.



GREGORY BULL/AP

**A man in hand and ankle cuffs waits in a van after being detained during a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operation in Escondido, Calif., on July 8. The Trump administration announced Monday that it will expand the authority of immigration officers to deport migrants.**

Critics said the new measure's impact could be more far-reaching because many in the U.S. for longer than two years may be unable to prove they have been in the country for so long.

The administration said the expanded authority will likely mean less time for migrants in detention while cases wind their way through immigration court.

The announcement was the second major policy shift in eight days following an unprecedented surge of families from Central America's Northern Triangle of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

Last week, the administration said it will deny asylum to anyone who passes through other countries en route to the U.S. without seeking protection in at least one of those countries. Two lawsuits were filed chal-

lenging the move. A judge in Washington heard arguments Monday on whether to block the policy. Judge Timothy Kelly said he would "endeavor to rule on this as quickly as I can."

A judge in San Francisco has set a hearing for Wednesday in a similar lawsuit.

Also Monday, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a decision by a federal judge in Seattle that blocked a policy to indefinitely detain asylum-seekers without a chance to be released on bond. The policy had been set to take effect July 15.

The White House issued a statement Monday night saying, "We strongly disagree with that decision and expect to prevail on the merits of the appeal and to see the law upheld."

## Study: Many should stop taking aspirin for heart health

By LAURAN NEERGARD  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of people who take aspirin to prevent a heart attack may need to rethink the pill-popping, Harvard researchers reported Monday.

A daily low-dose aspirin is recommended for people who have already had a heart attack or stroke and for those diagnosed with heart disease.

But for the otherwise healthy, that advice has been overturned. Guidelines released this year ruled out routine aspirin use for many older adults who don't already have heart disease and said it's only for certain younger people under doctor's orders.

How many people need to get that message?

Some 29 million people 40 and older were taking an aspirin a day despite having no known

heart disease in 2017, the latest data available, according to a new study from Harvard and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. About 6.6 million of them were doing so on their own — a doctor never recommended it.

Nearly half of people over 70 who don't have heart disease — estimated at about 10 million — were taking daily aspirin for prevention, the researchers reported in *Annals of Internal*

*Medicine*.

"Many patients are confused about this," said Dr. Colin O'Brien, a senior internal medicine resident at Beth Israel who led the study.

After all, for years doctors urged people to leverage aspirin's blood-thinning properties to lower the chances of a first heart attack or stroke. Then last year, three surprising new studies challenged that dogma.

Those studies were some of the largest and longest to test aspirin in people at low and moderate risk of a heart attack and found only marginal benefit if any, especially for older adults. Yet the aspirin users experienced markedly more digestive-tract bleeding along with some other side effects.

Nothing has changed for heart attack survivors: Aspirin still is recommended for them.

## Fiancee sues over principal's death in bone marrow procedure

Associated Press

ROSELAND, N.J. — A hospital failed to adequately monitor and treat a New Jersey high school principal as his oxygen level plummeted during a bone marrow donation procedure in February, sending him into a coma and leading to his death several weeks later, a lawsuit filed Monday by his fiancée alleges.

Westfield High School Principal Derrick Nelson died in April after lapsing into a coma during the procedure at Hackensack University Medical Center, which Sheronda Braker named in her



Nelson

suit. Nelson, who was 44 and had a 5-year-old daughter with Braker, didn't know the French teenager to whom he planned to donate the

bone marrow. They were connected through Be the Match, a worldwide bone marrow registry network.

Due to privacy obligations, it

isn't known if the teen received any bone marrow from Nelson.

In an emailed statement, a spokeswoman for Hackensack Meridian Health said Nelson "leaves a remarkable legacy as an educator and veteran. We are unable to say more at this time due to the litigation process; however, we have been in communication with the family through their legal representation."

Nelson also served as an officer in the Army Reserve for more than 20 years and had recently reenlisted.

Before the procedure in Feb-

ruary, Nelson told the school's newspaper that he had several health issues that complicated his planned donation. His sleep apnea prevented doctors from using general anesthesia, and they instead were to harvest stem cells intravenously.

However, at his final physical exam on Jan. 21, Nelson was asked if he had sickle cell anemia, a blood disorder. "I said well I don't have sickle cell, but I have the sickle cell trait," Nelson told the newspaper. He said the doctors told him that meant they couldn't harvest the stem cells.

They ultimately decided to do the bone marrow surgery under a local anesthetic, he said.

The lawsuit alleges the hospital was negligent because staff continued to administer anesthesia while Nelson's oxygen level decreased and failed to supply him with additional oxygen.

Bone marrow donation is considered a low risk procedure. About 2.4% of donors experience a serious complication due to anesthesia or damage to bone, nerve, or muscle in their hip region, according to the National Marrow Donor Program's website.

## NATION

# Warrants issued for Puerto Rican officials' phones

By DANICA COTO  
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A Puerto Rican judge has issued search warrants for the cell-phones of government officials tied to an online chat that has sparked a political crisis in the U.S. territory that is escalating, officials said Tuesday.

Kelvin Carrasco, a spokesman for the island's Department of Justice, said the warrants were approved overnight and were issued to those who have not yet turned over their phones. He did not name the officials and declined further comment because the investigation is ongoing.

The warrants were issued following massive, ongoing protests demanding the ouster of Gov. Ricardo Rossello, who participated in an offensive, obscenity-laden online chat between him and his advisers whose leak triggered the crisis. The group also insulted women and mocked constituents, including victims of Hurricane Maria.

The protests have escalated to a point where many wonder how

Rossello will be able to govern the U.S. territory in the coming days and possibly weeks.

Rossello dug his heels in late Monday after what seems to have been the biggest protest the island has seen in nearly two decades, telling Fox News that he has already apologized and made amends following the leak of the chat. But many Puerto Ricans vowed to keep protesting until he steps down, no matter how long it takes.

"We can endure anything," said Francisco Javier Diaz, 30, a chemical engineer from the central mountain town of Corozal. "We have the power and the resilience. And the truth is, we're fed up."

Tuesday marked the 11th consecutive day of protests as government officials around Rossello kept resigning. Even his own father, former Gov. Pedro Rossello, stepped down from positions within the pro-statehood New Progressive Party and disaffiliated himself from it in a blow to party members.

Meanwhile, Ricardo Rossello said he will not resign, noting



CARLOS GIUSTI/AP

**Demonstrators affected by tear gas thrown by the police run during clashes in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Monday. The escalating protests against Gov. Ricardo Rossello have many wondering how Rossello will continue to govern the U.S. territory.**

that he already announced he would not seek reelection in 2020 and that he has stepped down as president of his party.

"That way, I can focus on the job at hand," he said, referring in part to fighting corruption and overseeing recovery efforts following Hurricane Maria. The Category 4 storm that hit Sept. 20, 2017, caused more than \$100 billion in damage, threw Puerto Rico into a yearlong blackout and left thousands dead, most of them succumbing during the sweltering aftermath.

The island has also seen a recent string of arrests of officials on federal corruption charges,

including former Education Secretary Julia Keleher.

Michelle De La Cruz, a spokeswoman for Rossello, said he was not available for further comment.

Asked who was advising Rossello on staying in office, Rossello's secretary of public affairs, Anthony Maceira, said the governor was speaking with his family, and "that carries a great weight." Rossello's father was governor from 1993 to 2001.

Some Puerto Ricans have accepted that Rossello will not resign and say they will pressure legislators to impeach him.

"They have that power in their

hands," said Normarie Matos, 43, a financial manager from San Juan. "People are no longer afraid."

The leaked chat has intensified long-smoldering anger on the island over ongoing corruption and mismanagement by the island's two main political parties that many blame for a 13-year recession and a severe debt crisis that has led to austerity measures, including pension cuts.

The protests are the largest on the territory since Puerto Ricans rallied to put an end to U.S. Navy training on the island of Vieques more than 15 years ago, and more are expected this week.

## Protests spread as activists fight telescope in Hawaii

By AUDREY McAVOY  
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Demonstrations against a giant telescope planned for Hawaii's tallest peak have spread to New York, Las Vegas and Honolulu's tourist mecca of Waikiki as Native Hawaiians push to protect what they say is a sacred place.

In Nevada, a few hundred Native Hawaiians and former Hawaii residents gathered under the famous "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign to show their solidarity with protesters back home.

Elsewhere, video on Twitter showed a few dozen protesters chanting and holding signs and flags in New York's Union Square.

Protesters have been blocking a road to the summit of Mauna Kea, a site they consider to be sacred, since last week to prevent construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope.

State officials said the crowd stood at 1,500 on Monday after swelling to 2,000 over the weekend.

Hawaii Lt. Gov. Josh Green said there will have to be a compromise in order for the telescope



DAN DENNISON, STATE OF HAWAII/AP

**Law enforcement personnel interact Monday with protesters blocking a road to the summit of Mauna Kea, a site considered sacred in Hawaii. Scientists want to build a telescope atop Mauna Kea.**

project to go forward but he doesn't know if that's possible.

Even though the Hawaii Supreme Court has ruled the telescope's construction permit was valid, the question at hand is not a legal one, he said.

"This is a cultural question and the question about an entire culture's sense of self. I don't care what the rulings were. It boils down to how the Hawaiian com-

munity perceives itself and what vision it has for the future," Green said in a telephone interview after visiting the protest site. He said he spoke with Native Hawaiian elders for four hours.

The lieutenant governor said it's time for a "grand reconciliation" with Hawaii's "host culture."

He said that means the state taking a strong position on U.S. recognition for Native Hawaiians,

moving more aggressively to provide house lots through the state Department of Hawaiian Homelands and not "shying away from" the U.S.-backed overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893.

He said he would urge Gov. David Ige to deescalate the situation and withdraw the Hawaii National Guard. Ige has sent guard units to the mountain to transport personnel and supplies and enforce some road closures.

Protests also spread to the tourism sector, the state's biggest employer. Several businesses joined a one-day "tourism boycott" organized by activists.

Old Lahaina Luau on Maui called off its nightly luau, leading to cancellations for 450 people. Because the show is sold out through the middle of next month, it wasn't able to accommodate most guests on another night and issued refunds.

The company acted because it believed most of its employees would likely have decided to join the boycott regardless.

"So we decided, you know what, it would really show our support to our employees and at the same time reflect our support to Hawaiian culture for us to have everyone be able to take off that

day," said Kawika Freitas, director of public and cultural relations at Old Lahaina Luau.

Skyline Hawaii suspended zipline rides on the Big Island, Kauai and Maui. It canceled bicycle and van tours to the summit of Haleakala, Maui's tallest peak, and to the small town of Hana. The decision affected several hundred customers.

"We did have a few people that were a little bit upset, but 90 percent of the people were very understanding," said Jennifer Puha, who works in reservations.

Both Skyline Hawaii and Old Lahaina Luau were to resume normal operations Tuesday.

Over the weekend, hundreds marched on sidewalks past tourists and hotels in Waikiki.

Scientists want to build the telescope atop Mauna Kea because it is one of the best sites in the world for viewing the skies. The observatory would join 13 other telescopes already at the summit, though several are due to be decommissioned in a concession to telescope opponents.

Ige has ordered the closure of the road as a way to clear a path for construction equipment. But protesters have blocked the road, creating a standoff.

## NATION

By RODRIQUE NGOWI  
Associated Press

**W**BOSTON  
ilson Menashi  
palmed a squid in  
his left hand and  
extended his arm  
into an aquarium tank, watch-  
ing as a giant Pacific octopus  
stretched out arms to greet  
him like a friend.

Freya latched some of her  
2,240 suction cups onto Me-  
nashi's arm, using her powers  
of taste and smell to gather  
information about Menashi,  
84, known as the octopus whis-  
perer — and the seafood treats  
he was bearing.

"She's just contacting me  
and she's saying, 'You come to  
me,'" Menashi said of Freya,  
3, a predator weighing 35 to 40  
pounds. Her arms span 14 feet  
and pack enough strength to  
kill sharks and other enemies.

But this afternoon's gentle  
interaction left no doubt that  
Menashi has a special way  
with the cephalopod, whose  
body includes a large, sac-like  
head and eight powerful arms.

More than 25 years ago, Me-  
nashi retired after a career as  
a chemical engineer and  
began volunteering at the New  
England Aquarium in Boston.  
He's spent 7,800 hours — the  
equivalent of about four years  
working full time — hanging  
out with octopuses, the aquar-  
ium said.

"I've been able to interact  
with them from the beginning.  
I do not know why. I cannot ex-  
plain it, but I can connect with  
them," Menashi said, standing  
in front of the Olympic Coast  
Sanctuary exhibit that is home  
to Freya and Professor Ludwig  
Von Drake, a younger male  
giant Pacific octopus living in  
a separate tank.

Menashi's eyes twinkled  
with mischief as he acknowl-  
edged that encounters with  
octopuses have left a mark on  
him. "I will come back home  
sometimes with hickeys all  
over my arm and my neck," he  
said.

Two decades of working  
with the largest members of  
the octopus species has not  
dulled his sense of wonder at  
the animals' adaptability and  
mysteries.

"What I find totally sur-  
prising is how they could tell  
different people and react dif-  
ferently," Menashi said. "I've  
also made them a few toys,  
made up some boxes and...  
I put different latches so they  
could get in and figure out  
how to get the food that I put  
in the boxes. However, I've  
had some that said, 'It's too  
much time to figure out how  
you do the latch.' So they just  
crushed the box."

Menashi said spending time  
with octopuses and other ani-  
mals gives his life a whole new  
purpose in retirement.

"Just being here has been, to  
me, a lifesaver," he said. "Gave  
me something to do. Gave me  
different interests and showed  
me the world is a wonderful  
place to be."



# OCTOPUS WHISPERER

Octogenarian says he 'can connect' with the dangerous predators



Top: Wilson Menashi, of Lexington, Mass., is reflected in the glass of an octopus tank at the New England Aquarium in Boston. Above: Menashi engages with an octopus.

## Octopus facts

Associated Press

**BOSTON** — Mythology and superstition have portrayed octopuses as alien beings or evil creatures dwelling in the terrifying dark depths of oceans.

Little wonder, considering they are a bit unusual.

The giant Pacific octopus has three hearts, nine brains and blue blood, making reality stranger than fiction.

Here are things to know about the giant Pacific octopus, which is naturally found in the waters of the U.S. West coast, the Aleutian Islands and Japan:

■ **Nine brains.** A central brain controls the nervous system. In addition, there is a small brain in each of their eight arms — a cluster of nerve cells that biologists say controls movement. That allows the arms to work independently of each other yet together toward the same goal.

■ **Three hearts.** That makes sense, considering their bodies are all muscle except for two small plates anchoring their heads, together with a beak used to grasp and bite prey. Two hearts pump blood to the gills, and a larger heart circulates blood to the rest of the body.

■ **Blue blood.** The blood of the giant Pacific octopus has a copper-rich protein called hemocyanin that improves its ability to transport oxygen in cold ocean environments.

■ **Camouflage.** They're able to change their color and texture to camouflage themselves in the blink of an eye, thanks to a complex system of specialized pigment sacs called chromatophores, nerves and muscles.

■ **Toxic ink.** Octopuses have glands that produce a toxic ink which is stored in large sacs. When the animal is alarmed, it squirts the ink in a powerful jet in one direction that simultaneously propels the animal in the opposite direction, effectively clouding the water to confuse a potential threat while fleeing to safety.

■ **Lots of suckers.** Adult female giant Pacific octopuses have about 280 suckers in each of their eight arms. Males have fewer suction cups because the tip of their third arm functions as a reproductive organ.

■ **Ultimate sacrifice.** Giant Pacific octopus mothers sacrifice their lives after laying their eggs in deep-water dens. They live with their eggs for up to seven months without eating, ensuring that streams of oxygen- and nutrient-rich water waft over them. Mothers usually die after their broods hatch.

SOURCES: New England Aquarium, Oceana, The Natural History Museum, Monterey Bay Aquarium



## NATION

# New Biden plan would alter 1994 crime bill

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT AND ELANA SCHOR  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Joe Biden plans to propose a criminal justice agenda that would reverse key provisions of the 1994 crime bill that he helped write as a senator and that his rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination have blamed for the mass incarceration of racial minorities since then.

Most notably, the former vice president is endorsing an end to the disparity that placed stricter sentencing terms on offenses involving crack versus powder cocaine as well as an end to the federal death penalty, which the 1994 crime bill authorized as a potential punishment for an increasing number of crimes.

The criminal justice policy, which Biden plans to outline Tuesday during an appearance in New Orleans, comes as he works to reinforce his support among black voters. The timing is important, especially after rival California Sen. Kamala Harris impugned Biden's civil rights record during last month's Democratic presidential debates.

It also comes as Biden prepares for next week's presidential debates when he will face Harris and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, both of whom have sharply criticized his role in the Clinton-era crime law.

Biden campaign chairman Cedric Richmond called the plan "the most forward-leaning criminal justice policy proposed."

Richmond, a Louisiana representative and former public defender, praised it for building on Virginia Democratic Rep. Bobby Scott's



JOHN LOCHER/AP

**Former Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden takes a selfie with a supporter during a campaign event Saturday in Las Vegas. Biden is reportedly planning a policy agenda that would reverse portions of a 1994 crime bill that he helped write.**

SAFE Justice Act, which would reserve prison space for violent offenders and offer a wider range of nonprison sentencing alternatives. Scott's bipartisan bill is co-sponsored by other members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

By building on Scott's bill, Biden, who represented Delaware in the U.S. Senate for decades, is moving significantly to the left but not quite as far as endorsing the type of sweeping overhaul championed by Booker. Booker unveiled a proposal this year that would go beyond the criminal justice measure that President Donald Trump signed into law last year by slashing mandatory minimum sentences.

Biden's shift on the death penalty also puts him in line with every other Democratic presidential candidate except for Montana Gov. Steve Bullock. It's a stark change of Biden's previous approach to the issue.

Biden's plan would seek to create a \$20 billion grant program to encourage states to reduce incarceration by increasing spending on child abuse prevention, education and literacy as long as states eliminate mandatory minimum sentencing for nonviolent crimes.

He also would expand the Justice Department's role in rooting out institutional misconduct by police departments and prosecutors and would establish an independent task force to study prosecutorial discretion in an attempt to head off racial and ethnic discrimination.

The plan also includes spending \$1 billion annually on changes in the juvenile justice system and identifies as a goal that all former inmates have access to housing when they leave prison.

Biden also plans to seek a renewed ban on assault weapons, an element of the 1994 crime bill he continues to promote, and a ban on high-capacity ammunition magazines.

## Marine vet to seek Va. seat in Congress

BY JENNA PORTNOY  
The Washington Post

A second Republican is running for his party's nomination to challenge Rep. Jennifer Wexton, D-Va., in 2020.

Rob Jones, a Marine veteran and double amputee, announced his campaign for the 10th District on Monday, the nine-year anniversary of the day a bomb exploded beneath him in Afghanistan.

Wexton, a former state senator and prosecutor from Loudoun County, defeated Republican Barbara Comstock by 12 points in 2018, turning the district blue for the first time in nearly 40 years.

Voters won't choose a GOP nominee until spring 2020, but Jones already has support from the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Jones said he was making calls on Monday from NRCC headquarters in the District of Columbia, and said the group has helped him with media training and other preparations.

NRCC spokeswoman Camille Gallo said the group speaks with potential candidates but does not endorse in primaries. Jeff Dove, an Army veteran who ran unsuccessfully against Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., in a neighboring district last year, is also challenging Wexton.

Jones grew up in Lovettsville, in the 10th District, graduated from Loudoun Valley High School and joined the Marine Reserves during his junior year at Virginia Tech. On deployment in 2010, he suffered serious injuries while clearing IEDs, resulting in the amputation of his legs.

He met Rep. Brian Mast, R-Fla., also a double amputee, while they were recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and Mast's team is helping run Jones' campaign.

While recovering to walk, bike, row and run, Jones competed in the Paralympic Games, biked across the country, ran daily marathons for a month and raised money for veterans' charities. He and his wife, Pam, moved to Middleburg, in the 10th District, in April.

In his announcement video, James blames extremists and party bosses for dysfunction in Washington, amid images of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., but also Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C.

"Right now in Congress they have a tendency to demonize and dehumanize anyone who doesn't agree with them," he said.

Rather than vote for Donald Trump, who lost the 10th District by a double digit in 2016, Jones said he wrote in the name of retired Marine Gen. Jim Mattis.

## Sanders livestream delivers message directly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Bernie Sanders wanted to preview a speech about his signature health care plan, "Medicare for All," he did not opt for a traditional interview.

Instead, he made an appearance on "The 99," his Democratic presidential campaign's in-house livestreamed show, a controlled, on-message pro-Sanders program that streams on a variety of services including Twitch, a platform primarily used by gamers.

The makeshift studio for the show is in a room with a long wooden table, walls decorated with Sanders campaign signs. Sanders sat down for an interview — with his campaign manager, Faiz Shakir.

"Wearedoingtheselivestreams, we are talking to you directly," Shakir said. "One of the reasons is while we appreciate our friends in the elite media, they don't often

cover the issues that truly matter to working Americans."

The livestream represents just one spoke in a communications network that his campaign, frustrated by the coverage he gets in traditional media, has built to exclusively promote the candidate's worldview.

Since Sanders announced his second bid for the presidency in February, the campaign has started not just a twice-weekly livestreaming show, but also a sleekly produced podcast, "Hear the Bern," hosted by national press secretary Brihana Joy Gray. On the first episode of the podcast, Gray described it as a "behind the scenes look at how campaigns work, how political movements grow and what motivates the man who has reintroduced big, transformative ideas into politics."

Candidates have long sought outlets to appeal directly to supporters without a media filter, and



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

**Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is building an in-house media operation to take his message directly to voters.**

none more effectively than President Donald Trump. But Sanders' efforts have taken that approach a step further, and there's some evidence that people are watching and listening. His campaign

says that the streaming show they aired before and after the first Democratic presidential debate had more than 300,000 views.

"If you go on the premise that Bernie folks think they were boxed out of the mainstream party the last time around, I think the assumption that his folks made is they've just got to kind of build their own universe," said Joel Payne, a Democratic strategist who worked on Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign.

Sanders' campaign says he is to use the new platforms to anchor his base and to reach voters who may be disengaged with the political process currently but who could be animated by Sanders' ideas and policies.

"This is different from a typical post on social media, which is putting out content. With the live show, we can actually have a conversation with people," said Josh Miller-Lewis, the campaign's digital director.

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## NATION

# 'Red Summer'

## Spasm of violence left scores of black Americans dead in 1919

By JESSE J. HOLLAND  
Associated Press

America in the summer of 1919 ran red with blood from racial violence, and yet today, 100 years later, not many people know it even happened.

It flowed in small towns like Elaine, Ark., in medium-size places such as Annapolis, Md., and Syracuse, N.Y., and in big cities like Washington and Chicago. Hundreds of black men, women and children were burned alive, shot, lynched or beaten to death by white mobs. Thousands saw their homes and businesses burned to the ground and were driven out, many never to return.

It was branded "Red Summer" because of the bloodshed that amounted to some of the worst white-on-black violence in U.S. history.

Beyond the lives and family fortunes lost, it had far-reaching repercussions, contributing to generations of black distrust of white authority. But it also galvanized blacks to defend themselves and their neighborhoods with fists and guns; reinvigorated civil rights organizations like the NAACP and led to a new era of activism; gave rise to courageous reporting by black journalists; and influenced the generation of leaders who would take up the fight for racial equality decades later.

"The people who were the icons of the civil rights movement were raised by the people who survived Red Summer," said Safe Mathieu, a history professor at the University of Minnesota.

For all that, there are no national observances marking Red Summer. History textbooks ignore it, and most museums don't acknowledge it. The reason: Red Summer contradicts the post-World War I-era notion that America was making the world safe for democracy, historians say.

"It doesn't fit into the neat stories we tell ourselves," said David Krugler, author of "1919, The Year of Racial Violence: How African Americans Fought Back."

That could change. A monument has been proposed in Arkansas. Several authors have written about the bloody summer. A Brooklyn choral group performed Red Summer-theme songs like "And They Lynched Him on a Tree" in March to commemorate the centennial.

At the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Mathieu and author Cameron McWhirter plan to present some of their findings July 30.

Researchers believe that in a span of 10 months, more than 250 blacks were killed in at least 25 riots across the U.S. by white mobs that never faced punishment.

Historian John Hope Franklin

**"They wanted to kill as many black people as possible and to terrorize the rest until they were willing to leave and live someplace else."**

William Tuttle  
author of "Race Riot: Chicago in the Red Summer of 1919"

called it "the greatest period of interracial strife the nation has ever witnessed."

The bloodshed was the product of a collision of social forces. Black men were returning from World War I expecting the same rights they had fought and bled for in Europe, and blacks were moving north to escape the brutal Jim Crow laws of the South. Whites saw blacks as competition for jobs, homes and political power.

"Ethnic cleansing was the goal of the white rioters," said William Tuttle, a retired professor of American studies at the University of Kansas and author of "Race Riot: Chicago in the Red Summer of 1919." "They wanted to kill as many black people as possible and to terrorize the rest until they were willing to leave and live someplace else."

The violence didn't start or end in 1919. Some count the era of Red Summer as beginning with the deaths of more than two dozen blacks in East St. Louis, Ill., in 1917 and extending through the Rosewood Massacre of 1923, when a black town in Florida was destroyed.

All told, at least 1,122 Americans were killed in racial violence over those six years, by Tuttle's count.

In the nation's capital, white mobs — many made up of members of the military — rampaged over the weekend of July 19-22, beating any black they could find after false rumors spread of a white woman being assaulted by black men.

"In front of the Riggs Bank the rioters beat a Negro with clubs and stones wrapped in handkerchiefs; the bleeding figure lay in the street for over twenty minutes before being taken to the hospital," Lloyd M. Abernethy wrote in the Maryland Historical Magazine in 1963.

"Sensing the failure of the police, the mob became even more contemptuous of authority — two Negroes were attacked and beaten directly in front of the White House."

Carter G. Woodson, the histo-



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Civilians and armed National Guardsmen stand in front of the Ogden Cafe during race riots in Chicago. Red Summer, as the summer of 1919 came to be known, saw widespread white-on-black violence.



A crowd gathers at a house that has been vandalized and looted during the race riots in Chicago. Some of the crowd is posing inside broken windows.

rian who founded Black History Month in 1926, saw the violence up close.

"They had caught a Negro and deliberately held him as one would a beef for slaughter, and when they had conveniently adjusted him for lynching, they shot him," Woodson wrote. "I heard him groaning in his struggle as I hurried away as fast as I could without running, expecting every moment to be lynched myself."

In Elaine, Ark., poor black sharecroppers who had dared to join a union were attacked, and at least 200 blacks were killed.

Ida B. Wells, a pioneering black journalist and one of the few re-

porters to interview victims, noted a woman named Lula Black was dragged from her farm by a white mob after saying she would join the union.

"They knocked her down, beat her over the head with their pistols, kicked her all over the body, almost killed her, then took her to jail," Wells wrote in her report "The Arkansas Race Riot."

"The same mob went to Frank Hall's house and killed Frances Hall, a crazy old woman housekeeper, tied her clothes over her head, threw her body in the public road where it lay thus exposed till the soldiers came Thursday evening and took it up."

Black journalists like Wells played an important role in getting the story out.

"Black newspapers like the Chicago Defender were instrumental in providing an alternate voice that represented why African Americans deserved to be here, deserved equal rights and were, in some cases, justified in fighting," said Kevin Strait, a curator at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Red Summer also marked a new era of black resistance to white injustice, with blacks standing up in unprecedented numbers and killing some of their tormentors. Returning black soldiers from World War I led the charge, using skills they refined in Europe.

"The Germans weren't the enemy — the enemy was right here at home," said Harry Haywood in his autobiography, "A Black Communist in the Freedom Struggle: The Life of Harry Haywood."

In Washington, Carrie Johnson, 17, became a hero for shooting at white invaders in her neighborhood. She fatally shot a white policeman who broke into her second-story bedroom.

She claimed self-defense, and her manslaughter conviction was overturned.

The NAACP gained about 100,000 members that year, said McWhirter, author of "Red Summer: The Summer of 1919 and the Awakening of Black America." Soon, blacks were "going to Congress, they're pressing congressmen and senators to pass anti-lynching legislation. At the same time, they're fighting back in the courts; they're filing lawsuits when people are being mistreated or railroaded."

The lessons of Red Summer would reverberate over World War II.

"You have a similar situation where African Americans had done their part to make the world safe for democracy, and black veterans came home, and many of them were alive or had heard the stories of what happened in 1919," Krugler said. "And they said, 'Never again.'"



## WORLD

# Boris Johnson will be new UK prime minister

By WILLIAM BOOTH  
AND KARLA ADAM  
The Washington Post

LONDON — Boris Johnson handily won the race to lead the Conservative Party on Tuesday, and will be prime minister within a day.

The bombastic, Latin-quoting, Oxford classicist with the mop of intentionally mussed yellow hair, who made his name as an over-the-top journalist in Brussels and then as London mayor and galvanized the successful Brexit campaign in 2016, will walk through the black enameled door of 10 Downing St. on Wednesday, fulfilling what his biographers describe as his relentless “blond ambition” to follow his hero, Winston Churchill, into the top spot.

In a leadership contest involving only dues-paying members of the Conservative Party, the former foreign secretary Johnson faced the current foreign secretary, Jeremy Hunt.

Johnson captured 92,153 votes to Hunt's 46,656 — a dominant victory that shows Tories want a leader who promises, above all else, to deliver Brexit.

After being chosen by the 160,000 dues-paying members

of the Conservative Party, the transfer of power now happens quickly.

On Wednesday, outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May will deliver her last remarks at a question and answer session in the House of Commons and then will travel to Buckingham Palace to resign. Johnson will follow her to the palace, where Queen Elizabeth II will ask him to form a new government. Johnson will be 14th prime minister during the queen's long reign.

Johnson, 55, will take up residence at Downing Street and within hours begin announcing his new Cabinet. His girlfriend, Carrie Symonds, 31, a former Conservative Party communications official and a top Tory spinner, may move in over the weekend, according to British press reports.

As a sign how the Conservative Party has torn itself apart over Brexit, the Tory backbencher Charles Walker asked the audience in the hall where Johnson's victory was announced, “Can we be kinder to the next prime minister than we have been to the current prime minister?”

When Johnson clocks in for his first day of work in the top job,



STEFAN ROUSSEAU, POOL/AP

Jeremy Hunt, left, congratulates Boris Johnson, right, after Johnson prevailed in their contest to become the U.K.'s new Conservative Party leader and prime minister in London on Tuesday.

he will face an overflowing in-tray of daunting problems that need urgent attention, including a showdown in the Persian Gulf with a belligerent Iran, Brexit, assembling a top leadership team, the survival of his Conservative Party, ministerial resignations, rebels in Parliament and a raft of domestic issues ranging from housing to health care.

And President Donald Trump. The postwar “special relationship” has had a rocky month, as the American president lashed out on Twitter against the British ambassador in Washington, call-

ing him “a pompous fool.”

Sir Kim Darroch provoked the president's ire when a cache of secret diplomatic cables were leaked to a British tabloid. The memos from Darroch described Trump as “insecure” and his administration as “inept” and “dysfunctional.” Darroch resigned in the aftermath — after Johnson failed to back up, as the tabloids put it, “our man in Washington.”

Also looming are new redlines and deadlines in the mess called Brexit. May's failure to deliver Brexit on time was the reason her Tory lawmakers ousted her.

# Weather is hottest topic in Britain

By JENNIFER HASSAN  
The Washington Post

LONDON — Boris Johnson may be about to become Britain's new prime minister but in the last day, more Brits have been interested in the weather.

With temperatures expected to hit 102 Fahrenheit later this week, it's not just the political landscape that is heating up in Britain.

In the last 24 hours, Brits have been Googling “London weather” more than the search terms “new prime minister,” “Boris Johnson” and “Jeremy Hunt,” Johnson's Conservative Party rival, according to data from Google Trends.

While waiting for the next Conservative Party leader to be announced, journalists and commentators baked in the heat outside Westminster on Tuesday as temperatures climbed toward 91.4 Fahrenheit.

On social media, the top trend in the United Kingdom on Tuesday was #heatwave, with more than 15,000 tweets. The second trend was #BorisDay, with about half that number of tweets.

“The News: Boris Johnson becoming PM; Britain heading for hottest day in its history. Or to put it another way: we are literally entering hell,” tweeted journalist Sathnam Sanghera.

“We are expecting to break temperature records this week. Although not everywhere will see the headline numbers the heat will be widespread, peaking on Thursday,” Britain's weather service tweeted Tuesday.

Meteorologists also say there is a “30 percent chance” that Thursday's heat could surpass Britain's all-time temperature record of 101.3 F, which was recorded in August 2003.

It's not just London that is set to hit a record temperature. Paris' all-time highest temperature of 104.7 degrees F will fall on Thursday, according to Météo France.

Scorching temperatures are also expected across Spain, Portugal and Scandinavia.

Unlike in the United States, air conditioning is not widely available in the United Kingdom, meaning that many across Britain are preparing for hot and sticky commutes to work and, of course, sleepless nights.

Most houses in Britain do not have air conditioning, and London's subway network does not have air conditioning on all lines. In the past, temperatures have hit as high as 104 F on the subway — much to the horror of sweltering commuters.

# Venezuela goes dark in latest massive blackout

By FABIOLA SANCHEZ  
AND JOSHUA GOODMAN  
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — The lights went out across much of Venezuela, reviving fears of the blackout that plunged the country into chaos a few months ago as the government once again accused opponents of sabotaging the nation's hydroelectric power system.

The power in the capital went out after 4 p.m. Monday and immediately backed up traffic as stoplights and the subway stopped working during rush hour. As night fell in Caracas many were wondering how long they would be left in the dark.

“This is horrible, a disaster,” Reni Blanco, 48, a teacher, said as she joined a crush of people who flooded into the streets of the capital trying to make it home before nightfall.

Almost three hours into the blackout authorities broke their silence and blamed an “electromagnetic attack” on a series of dams in southern Venezuela — the same culprit to which it at-



ARIANA CUBILLOS/AP

People cross a street during a widespread blackout in Caracas, Venezuela, on Monday.

tributed an almost weeklong outage in May that left millions of Venezuelans without water or the ability to communicate with loved ones.

“Those who've systematically attacked the noble people of Venezuela in all kinds of ways will once again be confronted with the mettle and courage that we, the children of our liberator Simon Bolívar, have demonstrated in the

face of difficulties,” Communications Minister Jorge Rodríguez said in a statement on state TV.

Rodríguez said authorities were working to restore electricity as quickly as possible. He said security forces had been deployed and contingency plans activated to guarantee basic medical services and keep streets safe.

Reports on social media said that 19 of 24 Venezuelan states

were also affected. Netblocks, a group monitoring internet activity, said network data showed most of Venezuela was knocked offline with national connectivity at just 6% after the latest cuts. Normally nonstop state TV, a key way for the government to keep people informed, was also off the air for a while, adding to frustrations.

President Nicolás Maduro blamed the March outage on a U.S.-sponsored attack against the nation's biggest hydroelectric dam.

More recently, as power service in the politically turbulent capital has improved amid widespread rationing in the interior, officials have even taken to downplaying the outages as similar to a nationwide blackout in Argentina and even one that knocked off the power for several thousand residents of Manhattan for a few hours amid the summer heat.

Maduro's opponents said the outage laid bare years of underinvestment in the nation's grid by corrupt officials who mismanaged an oil bonanza in the nation sitting atop the world's largest crude reserves.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Wild turkey dies after flying into home

**UT** LONE PEAK — Police in northern Utah were surprised to learn the suspect in a reported burglary was a wild turkey.

Dave Ventrano, with Lone Peak police, said they received a call from a resident in Alpine who heard a window break in the house next door. The family that lives there was out of town.

Officers searched the house and found a dead turkey lying in a pile of broken glass underneath a window.

Ventrano said the turkey died after flying through the window.

## Watermelons to replace piglets in fair event

**CA** SANTA ROSA — Watermelons will replace piglets in an annual event celebrating agriculture at a California fair.

The Press Democrat reported that the Sonoma County Fair eliminated the pig scramble from Farmers Day due to rising public concern and protests over animal welfare.

In the long-running event at the fair in Santa Rosa, youngsters chased and tried to capture piglets weighing 40 to 60 pounds.

Officials said this year's event Aug. 4 will instead include elementary school children carrying watermelons slicked with vegetable oil around an obstacle course in a timed race.

## Couple holds contest for 'Hamilton' tickets

**RI** TIVERTON — A retired Rhode Island couple who spent their professional lives in the entertainment industry wants to send two high school students to a performance of the award-winning musical "Hamilton."

Lou Viola and Celeste Ferendo, of Tiverton, asked students to write a one-page essay on "Seeing Hamilton in Providence this Summer is Important to Me Because..."

Viola told the Newport Daily News he sees the contest as a way of "paying it forward," because he was inspired by theater professionals when in high school.

Ferendo, still works with students, and says many can't afford "Hamilton" tickets.

## Police: Pregnant woman found huffing in street

**LA** MONROE — A pregnant Louisiana woman was accused of huffing an electronic dusting product on a roadway.

The Monroe News Star reported Melissa Blair, 33, was charged with abuse of toxic vapors and obstruction of a public passage. A police report from the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office said they found Blair lying partially in a roadway and partially in a ditch. A cold can of electronic duster was next to her, apparently recently used.

Blair also is being charged with failure to appear on charges of domestic abuse-battery and theft.



GENE PUSKAR/AP

## Pogopalooza

Flynn Nyman, of Chrivals, Ore., performs during Pogopalooza, The World Championships of Pogo in Wilkinsburg, Pa., on Saturday. Extreme pogo stick athletes from around the world showed off their tricks and flips to compete for world titles at the two-day event.

## Beef-A-Roo, iconic eatery, closes its doors

**MI** MARQUETTE — The cowboy on the sign has served his last burger at a longtime Upper Peninsula restaurant.

Beef-A-Roo has closed in Marquette after nearly 50 years. The Mining Journal said locations in Iron River and Negaunee will remain open until the properties are sold.

Cami LaFayette, who owns Beef-A-Roo with three siblings, said they want to try different careers. They're grateful for their parents, Don and Nancy Frailling, who got the business started.

## Police: Drunk, texting woman hit cruiser

**ME** LEBANON — Maine State Police said a woman was accused of striking a parked police cruiser while texting and driving under the influence.

Police said Molly Foisy, 22, of Springvale is accused of striking the cruiser that was behind a tow truck in the breakdown lane of Route 202 in Lebanon on Saturday.

Authorities said Foisy was traveling at a high rate of speed and narrowly missed hitting the tow truck as well.

## THE CENSUS

# \$62.5K

Restoration School in Newport, R.I., over the weekend. The top bid on Ella White's cane was \$50,000, plus the surcharge added by the auction house, Guernsey's President Arlan Ettinger said. The winning bidder said he was there on behalf of a friend in the United Kingdom, Ettinger said.

## St. Lawrence River called best bass fishery

**NY** ALEXANDRIA BAY — New York's St. Lawrence River was named the best bass fishery in the nation.

It's a first for the river, which borders Canada in northern New York and was ranked in the top 10 twice in the last four years by Bassmaster Magazine.

Tournament results from June put the river at the top. The average weight of the entire 149-team field in the event was 20.3 pounds, topped by the winning team from Sam Houston State University, which averaged 24.4 pounds per day. The Big Bass Award for that event was a 6-pound, 7-ouncer.

## More schools join pilot project for snow days

**SC** ANDERSON — More school districts are joining a South Carolina experi-

ment to have kids learn at home on days when roads are too icy for school buses.

The Independent Mail reported that there weren't enough snow days last year for the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee to decide whether the "eLearning" days work. Five districts participated. Ten will be in this year's pilot program.

Committee spokeswoman Dana Yow said most districts had one or two eLearning days but felt another year would help to figure out what works and what doesn't.

## Woman impaled by spear during argument

**FL** HALLANDALE BEACH — Authorities arrested a man they say was arguing with his girlfriend when a spear she was holding snapped and went through her chest.

The SunSentinel reported

Adam Reechard Crespo grabbed Silvia Galva, 32, by the ankles and pulled her off the bed in their South Florida condominium.

An arrest report said Galva grabbed a spear at the foot of the bed as Crespo, 43, continued dragging her. Crespo said he heard a snapping sound. He saw that the spear had penetrated her chest and pulled it out, "hoping it was not too bad."

A friend called 911 while Crespo put pressure on the wound.

Crespo is charged with murder.

## Music festival halted over concerns for birds

**IL** CHICAGO — A Chicago beachfront music festival set for August was canceled following concerns about its impact on endangered shorebirds.

Organizers of Mamby on the Beach said the Aug. 23-24 festival was canceled due to "circumstances beyond our control," including two federally-protected piping plovers nesting on Montrose Beach.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported the Chicago Ornithological Society said the two piping plovers nesting there have hatched at least three eggs.

The small shorebird is on a number of state endangered species lists and is listed as threatened at the federal level.

From wire reports



## PACIFIC

# Show of strength

US, Pacific allies demonstrate their growing amphibious capabilities during Talisman Sabre

By SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

BOWEN, Australia — U.S. Marines and troops from three allied nations demonstrated new amphibious capabilities as they stormed a beach this week in the Australian state of Queensland.

The Marines have been renowned for their ability to get from ship to shore under fire since World War II, but Monday's training — part of this month's massive, biennial Talisman Sabre exercise — made clear that their mates have plenty of firepower to bring to the party.

Hulking new landing helicopter docks, the HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide — the Royal Australian Navy's largest-ever warships — prowled offshore ahead of the landing, alongside the U.S. Navy's amphibious transport dock USS Green Bay and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force's tank landing ship JS Kunisaki.

The largest vessel involved in the operation, the amphibious-assault ship USS Wasp, was too far offshore to be visible from the beach.

When the mock attack launched, it was spearheaded by a company from Japan's newly formed Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, a force modeled on the U.S. Marines and charged with defending offshore islands.

The Japanese rolled onto Kings Beach, a crescent of golden sand near the town of Bowen, in amphibious assault vehicles that looked a lot like the Marines' rides.

Then came a company from 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment in two more waves of amphibious vehicles and several Australian landing craft.

The Marines quickly set up defensive positions in the sand dunes and prepared to press inland to secure objectives such as a park and an airfield.

One of the Australian soldiers on the beach, Capt. Chris Moroney, 32, of Brisbane, was wearing a U.S. flag patch on his helmet.

"I always love working with the Marine Corps," said the joint fires observer, who has fond memories of working alongside Marines at Al-Taqdum Air Base during a deployment to Iraq.

During the beach assault, Moroney, along with U.S. Marine forward observers, helped coordinate air support from Marine UH-1Y Venom and AH-1 Cobra helicopters, which circled menacingly overhead.

"Any of the observers can call in these aircraft and get effects and support from them," he said.

The deputy director of the exercise, U.S. Army Col. Jeffrey Gottlieb, 54, of Haddonfield, N.J., watched events unfold from the beach. He noted that the largest American warship involved in



Talisman Sabre, the USS Ronald Reagan, wasn't part of the amphibious exercise.

The carrier was farther south fighting a different mock battle to subdue the opposing force's air and naval assets. That part of Talisman Sabre has involved a massive display of air power, including dogfights with as many as 50 aircraft, he said.

The amphibious exercise director, Australian army Col. Kenny Stuart, said the ability of the allies to work together on such a complex mission is a major milestone in Australia's effort to stand up its amphibious force.

"We're developing capabilities to ensure that we can work together in a high-end war fighting level," he said.

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Clockwise from top: U.S. Marines charge onto Kings Beach near the Australian town of Bowen during a Talisman Sabre drill Monday. Australian army Capt. Chris Moroney, of Brisbane, Australia, wears a U.S. flag patch on his helmet during the drill. Marines secure Kings Beach during the exercise. U.S. Marines run along Kings Beach.

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## PACIFIC



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**Above:** Marine Cpl. Jordan Greenlaw, 22, of Ballston Spa, N.Y., poses with a rugby ball that was given to him and his fellow Marines by residents of Bowen, Australia. **Left:** Australians watch as U.S. Marines in amphibious assault vehicles move along Kings Beach, near Bowen, during a Talisman Sabre drill on Monday.



**Above, from left:** Irene Yasso, 50; Noel Yasso, 81; and Jo Nicol, 61, wait at Kings Beach for Royal Australian Navy able seaman Joel Yasso to come ashore in a landing craft launched from the HMAS Adelaide during Monday's drill. **Left:** A U.S. Marine marches through the Australian seaside town of Bowen during Monday's exercise.

## Australian town welcomes US Marines with open arms

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

**BOWEN, Australia** — Locals and vacationers in this small Australian town were eager to get to know U.S. Marines patrolling their streets this week as part of the biennial Talisman Sabre exercise.

The Marines made an amphibious landing at nearby Kings Beach on Monday alongside troops from Japan, Britain and Australia.

Dozens of locals perched on rocks along the coast watching the action, including Noel Yasso, 81, a former Australian army reservist who came to see his grandson, Joel Yasso, 27, an able seaman in the Royal Australian Navy.

The younger Yasso was aboard a landing craft carrying U.S. Marines and a bulldozer from Australia's landing helicopter dock ship, the HMAS Adelaide, to the beach.

After the landing, the Marines moved into town to capture objectives such as an aerodrome and a recreation area.

Gun-toting Americans in camouflage

aren't an everyday sight in Bowen although their presence was advertised by a large flashing sign on the road into town.

When a group of Marines parked their amphibious assault vehicles in a park near the center of town, they drew a crowd of interested Australians.

Peter and Lynne Crew, on vacation from their home in Coffs Harbor, New South Wales, struck up a conversation with a group of young Marines.

"It's all pretty impressive," Peter Crew said as he checked out a 60mm mortar that the Marines had set up in the park.

Lance Cpl. Weston Harris, 22, of Estherville, Iowa, a member of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., chatted with the couple.

"It's my first trip to Australia. I've had a good time so far," he told them.

Marine Cpl. Jordan Greenlaw stood nearby holding a rugby ball.

"Some locals gave it to us," he said. "They saw us throwing coconuts around and threw us the ball."

Greenlaw said he's watched rugby back

in the States but never played it. Locals can watch the Bowen Seagulls play for \$4, according to a sign at the team's home ground.

Bowen retiree Barry Burton, who was also talking to the Marines, said their presence reassured him that Australia would be safe from threats such as Chinese communist influence and Islamic State terrorism in the Pacific.

"As far as I'm concerned, [the Marines] are always welcome," he said.

Nearby, Marine Staff Sgt. Nathan Hanson, 30, of Asheville, N.C., showed off his M-4 rifle to a former Australian soldier, Shane Moir, of Lake Eildon, Victoria. Moir said it made him nostalgic for his days in uniform.

Another resident, Bob Freeman, 80, who retired to Bowen from London, flew the Stars and Stripes from a flagpole on his front porch to welcome the Marines.

The old timer recalled shouting out "Any gun, chum?" to passing American soldiers and getting thrown sweets when he was a child during World War II.

"If it wasn't for the Americans, England wouldn't be there," he said. "It would be under Nazi rule. Australia wouldn't be here. It would be under the Japanese."

Bowen, home to about 10,000 people, is part of the Whitsunday Region, which has an economy built on horticulture, sugar cane, coal mining and tourism.

PBY Catalina flying boats, charged with searching for enemy ships and submarines, were based at Bowen during World War II. The town's modern-day airfield includes a display featuring the aircraft and a large model of the USS Lexington, which was sunk to the northeast during the Battle of the Coral Sea in May 1942.

Whitsunday Mayor Andrew Wilcox said he'd been looking forward to Talisman Sabre coming to Bowen.

"We had a smaller [Australian Defence Force] exercise last year," he said. "The troops ... are really well-received by the community."

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## FACES

### Marvel adds diversity onscreen and off

Marvel's push for more women and people of color in its cinematic universe is extending to behind the camera for its next slate of films.

Of the five films Marvel Studios announced at Comic-Con on July 20, only one is set to be directed by a white man.

In addition to a slew of women and people of color at the helm of upcoming Marvel films, the weekend's announcements promised more diversity on screen, including the female-led "Black Widow" and "Thor: Love and Thunder." Also in the works are films starring Marvel's first Asian American superhero — Simu Liu's Shang-Chi — and its first LGBTQ character — Tessa Thompson's Valkyrie.

### Art Neville of Meters, Neville Brothers, dies

Art Neville, a member of a storied New Orleans musical family who performed with his siblings in The Neville Brothers band and founded the groundbreaking funk group The Meters, died Monday. The artist, nicknamed "Poppy Funk," was 81. The cause of death was not immediately available, but Neville had battled a number of health issues including complications from back surgery.

The Neville Brothers — Art, Charles, Cyril and Aaron — started singing as kids but then went their separate ways in the 1950s and '60s. It wasn't until 1977 that the brothers finally got together again. In 1978, they recorded their first Neville Brothers album.

### Injury halts 'Fast & Furious 9' production

Production of "Fast & Furious 9" has been halted after a stuntman for the action movie was severely injured in England.

Work on the latest installment of the long-running franchise was put on hold Monday following the accident at the Warner Bros. Studios in Leavesden, 35 miles northwest of London.

Joe Watts was airlifted from the movie's set with what Hertfordshire police said was "serious injuries." He remained hospitalized on Tuesday.

"Fast & Furious 9" starring film series regulars Vin Diesel and Michelle Rodriguez, is due for release in 2020.

### Other news

■ Actress Sonja Sohn, who played a detective in the HBO series "The Wire," is facing charges of felony possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. The sheriff's office in Dare County, N.C., says Sohn, whose legal name is Sonja Plack, was arrested after midnight Sunday in Manteo on the Outer Banks. Authorities say it happened after a traffic stop.

■ David Hedison, who starred in the original set-fi classic "The Fly" and appeared in two James Bond films, died July 18 in Los Angeles. He was 92.

From The Associated Press



SCOTT ROTH, INVISION/AP

**Rapper Lil Nas X, shown performing in East Rutherford, N.J., in June, has tied a record for most consecutive weeks at the top of the Billboard charts with 16.**

## Lil Nas X ties record

'Old Town Road' tops Billboard chart for 16 weeks

By MESSIN FEKADU  
Associated Press

Lil Nas X has taken his horse to the old town road and ridden it to the top of the Billboard charts for 16 weeks, tying a record set by Mariah Carey and Luis Fonsi.

"Old Town Road" logs its 16th week at No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart this week, matching the success that Carey and Boyz II Men's "One Sweet Day" achieved in 1995-1996. Fonsi, Daddy Yankee and Justin Bieber's "Despacito" accomplished the feat in 2017.

No song has spent more than 16 weeks at No. 1 on the all-genre Hot 100 chart in the 61-year history of the Billboard charts.

The country-rap "Old Town Road" was originally a solo song, but 20-year-old Lil Nas X added Billy Ray Cyrus to the track and it topped the charts, achieving most of its success through audio streaming.

"Old Town Road" initially stirred up a bit of controversy in March when Billboard removed it from its country charts, deeming it not country enough (it peaked at No. 19 on the country charts). But the drama didn't hurt the song; it only propelled it.

"This song has been a uniter, not a divider," Cyrus said in a statement Monday. "I'm giving God the glory now for allowing me the gift to be part of such a special song. It's a

unique moment in time where people from all over the world and all walks of life find they have more in common than they do different. It's a moment we've all shared and I'm grateful for it."

"Old Town Road" appears on Lil Nas X's debut EP "7," which peaked at No. 2 on Billboard's 200 albums chart earlier this month. The EP also features the Top 40 hits "Panini" and "Rodeo" with Cardi B.

"Old Town Road" is also spending its 16th week on top of both the R&B/Hip-Hop and rap songs charts. The song has several versions, including remixes featuring Diplo, Young Thug and Mason Ramsey; Billboard counts the original song and its remix versions as one when calculating chart position, thus helping "Old Town Road" stay on top.

A number of songs have debuted at No. 2 on the Hot 100 chart, unable to push "Old Town Road" out of its top position, including two tunes from Taylor Swift ("You Need to Calm Down," "ME!") and Ed Sheeran and Bieber's "I Don't Care"; and two songs from Shawn Mendes ("If I Can't Have You" and "Senorita" with Camila Cabello).

Swift's "Look What You Made Me Do" stopped "Despacito" from reaching a 17th week at No. 1 when the pop smash jumped from No. 77 to No. 1 in 2017. Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me" ended Carey and Boyz II Men's epic run in 1996.

## 'Bless This Mess' star Pam Grier finds peace

By JOHN CARUCCI  
Associated Press

Pam Grier's role as the owner of a hardware store in rural Nebraska in the ABC sitcom "Bless This Mess" isn't a complete departure for the film legend: She lives in rural Colorado and has spent much of her life on ranches to find serenity from Hollywood life.

"I commuted to work really for 50 years because I couldn't have that lifestyle that I wanted of horses and ruralness. It would always be the city, hotels, room service," said Grier in a recent interview.

"My grandfather was the first feminist in my life, from Wyoming, who taught all of us girls how to hunt, fish and shoot, so I could bring that to this show, every element and it just kind of fit," Grier said. "He had this glow, this peace, and this unbelievable calm about him during the day after working sun up, sundown doing some labor. And he just was so spiritual and enjoyed life and he would always say, you know, if you wake up breathing, you're going to have a good day. And so that's been my mantra since I was a little girl."

She credits that mantra for helping her thrive in a life filled with plenty of highs and lows. Grier made her name as the queen of blaxploitation films in the 1970s with roles in classics like "Coffy" and "Foxy Brown," but struggled in Hollywood after the genre fell out of fashion. She also had tumultuous romances with the likes of Richard Pryor and Freddie Prince.

The second season of "Bless This Mess" launches in September.

Grier also was the victim of two sexual assaults — one when she was just 6 years old. She opened up about her personal struggles in her 2010 memoir, "Foxy: My Life in Three Acts," and while promoting the book, learned a lot about the wide range of people who have been victims of sexual assault, including men: "I was surprised at the book signings how many men came up and just let me know that they feel better by me talking."

Grier said she's gratified that many more of her fellow actresses are talking about their experiences with abuse in Hollywood in the era of #MeToo and Time's Up. She marvels at the impact the movement has had in a relatively short period of time.

"I always say it's about time. It takes confidence. It takes other people around you to set an example that you won't inflame or flame out — you'll be OK. And it is tough to talk about it," she said. "A lot of people haven't healed yet."

Grier has also successfully battled cancer. While she's still a glamour queen and sex symbol, her experience with the disease has made her eschew at least one of society's beauty norms.

"I'm so proud of my hair growing back on my legs after cancer that I don't shave. I don't shave my legs. I enjoy looking at, you know, two and half inches of hair on my legs," she said. "I'm very grateful to have a healthy balance. ... Oh, and I don't feel any different than I did when I was 21!"



CHRISTOPHER SMITH, INVISION/AP

**Actress Pam Grier, shown May 21, credits her grandfather for teaching her to appreciate life and have a positive attitude.**

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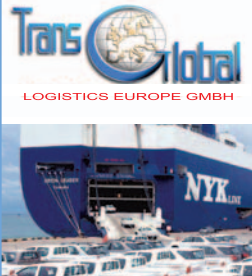
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## OPINION

## Best men candidate will harness hope, fear

By NANCY GIBBS

Special to The Washington Post

Like much of the Bible and all great drama, presidential races are a contest between hope and fear. Both Democrats and Republicans have pulled these two levers as it suited their needs: John F. Kennedy warned of missile gaps, Ronald Reagan promised morning in America. But at this moment of acute political discomfort, no choice is more fateful for both parties, or more complicated.

For President Donald Trump, like any incumbent, it is harder to run on fear after you've had four years to Make America Great Again, bragged about your great economy, claimed the North Korean threat has been neutralized and the swamps drained. But appeals to fear come so naturally to him that he finds himself attacking duly elected congresswomen, war heroes, witch hunts and much of the national security infrastructure whose actual mission is keeping us safe.

He is, however, having a rancid genius for stoking fear and then responding to it. He talked so much about violence during his campaign that fear of crime rose for the first time in years, though the actual crime rate was at all-time lows. Once in office, he threatened Kim Jong Un with "fire and fury" before announcing that they'd traded friendship rings and fallen in love; China is somehow both our ruthless competitor and our great benefactor, since as Trump has noted, "We've taken in tens of billions of dollars in tariffs from China."

If this is all incoherent, that's OK. Fear is often irrational; but so, for that matter, is hope.

So Democrats heading back to the debate stage have a calculation to make: Do people

want a fighter or a uniter? The fighter deploys fear of the enemy; the uniter speaks to hope for us all.

For all her policy papers, Elizabeth Warren, like Bernie Sanders, is all about the fight. Private equity firms, she charges, are "vampires" guilty of "legalized looting." Facebook must be broken up and Big Oil made to pay.

Kamala Harris wants it both ways. She's the prosecutor with a 3 a.m. worry list: the fear of the rent you can't pay, the medicine you can't afford, the student debt you can't cover and the gun violence you can't avoid. But she also launched her campaign declaring, "We are better than this," and leverages her multiethnic story as a testament to how e pluribus becomes unum.

Cory Booker, Beto O'Rourke and Pete Buttigieg, trying to appeal to our better angels, might be accused of bringing a feather to a gunfight, not because it's true — appeals to common purpose have fierce moral power — but because it's an easy narrative. The harder narrative is the promise of policies that work.

The moonshot anniversary reminded Americans what national optimism tasted like; but a Georgetown University survey last year found that people have more confidence in Amazon and Google than in Congress or the White House. Fixing health care, expanding child care and making cities smarter and energy cleaner are wacky what not Democrats unspooling ambitious plans are likely to run into taxpayers wary of moonbeams.

This was not always the case. The belief that the optimist almost always wins was anchored in the landmark 1990 study by University of Pennsylvania psychologists Martin Zuckerman and Martin Seligman, analyzing convention acceptance speeches, they found that in 18 of 22 presidential

races, from William McKinley in 1900 through Reagan in 1984, the more upbeat candidate prevailed. (Three of the four exceptions were Franklin D. Roosevelt, who would have sounded clueless stargazing through a Depression and global war.) Optimism, they found, was a better predictor of success than polls or fundraising.

And so Bill Clinton was the Man from Hope and George W. Bush declared, "I'm an optimist," and candidates on right and left battled over whose sunny side was up. But fast-forward 24 years from Clinton's first victory. Seligman wrote in 2016 that though Hillary Clinton was, by his metrics, the more positive candidate, "optimism doesn't predict winners anymore."

Instead, we got "America is a hellhole," as Trump said a month before he launched his campaign. It isn't just fear he feeds, but its more useful sibling, anger. Fear shuts you down, sends you into hiding; anger spins you up, spurs you to fight. The president now exalts "the Squad" — four young Democratic congresswomen — as a handy symbol of all things scary: youth, minority ethnicity, female power and certitude. And even though he has lost to many of the things about our country that we'd rather not know. That knowledge itself is frightening. Hope sometimes needs fear as its fuel. Perhaps the candidate who can best harness both is the one we need to lead us out of here.

But Democrats don't have to promise a moonshot. At the moment, ambitions too grand can themselves feel like a threat.

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## AUS-Russian deal could stabilize Syria, weaken Iran

By RAM YAVNE

Bloomberg Opinion

The Syrian war was largely over by the end of 2018, but the country remains a bleeding hot spot that can threaten Israeli and American interests. There is one way to minimize the risks of further instability, give hope to war-weary Syrians and meet big-power strategic objectives: forging an American-Russian deal. That's not as far-fetched as it sounds.

By the end of 2018 when the worst of the fighting ended, Syria had suffered more than 500,000 deaths and \$400 billion in damage. Half of the population had been forced to flee their homes; more than 5.5 million refugees left Syria and the rest were displaced internally.

And yet the risk factors that remain are hard to overstate. No civilian and economic rehabilitation has begun in the ruined state, weapons are still available, anger at an oppressive regime simmers among the population, Sunni extremists are ruling the Idlib area in northern Syria and foreign forces are still deployed in the country.

A return to fighting is hardly a remote possibility. Even if some measure of stability is maintained by Bashar Assad's regime, the advance of Iranian military capabilities in Syria — and in Lebanon — threatens Israeli and American interests and emboldens Iran to push further down against its Sunni rivals. The possibility of a Sunni extremist entity in eastern Syria threatens stability in Iraq and Jordan. Those risks would be heightened if the U.S. decides to withdraw its forces from Syria.

Despite the sometimes toxic relations between the U.S. and Russia, the door is not closed for a deal over Syria that serves

the strategic interests of both players. The compromises required are within the realm of acceptability for both states. What would a Russo-American deal look like?

First, it would recognize Assad's regime for now and delay the United Nations-mandated political transition process in Syria. The signatories would agree to fund Syria's economic rehabilitation process, providing Assad a major incentive to accept.

In return, they would insist on the withdrawal of all Iranian military components from Syria and cut off the supply of illegal arms to the country. They would also agree on the preservation of the autonomous rights of the anti-Assad Syrian Democratic Forces as well as the Kurdish and Sunni communities in east and north Syria as a bulwark against any resurgence by Islamic State.

In practical terms, Russia would have to invest military and political resources to ensure the Iranian military withdrawal and monitor the border for combatants and arms traffic. That would mean interdicting Iranian, Hezbollah, ISIS and other pro-Iran and Sunni extremist factions and preventing them from sending aid to Syrian soil toward neighboring states.

Why would Russian President Vladimir Putin agree to such a deal? Russia would achieve its objective of keeping Assad in power and reap some economic benefits during the rehabilitation process in Syria. Russia also to receive global and regional recognition for its major role in Syria, something Putin is likely to value.

For the United States, the main benefits would be more at the political level. First, an agreement along these lines would support regional stabilization while addressing threats to receive global and regional recognition for its major role in Syria, something Putin is likely to value.

The agreement would be a component in the campaign against the Iranian regional insurgency. Third, it will outline in clearer terms future American involvement in Syria and Iraq, with less direct deployment and involvement in Syria (while continuing American support for the SDF forces and communities) and give the needed focus for Iraq and other regional issues.

For Israel, the agreement would achieve its main interests in the Syrian theater: a push-back of Iranian military entrenchment and a weakening of Lebanese Hezbollah, thus cutting off its crucial logistic lines from Syria.

It's clear that such agreement carries potential risks, including opposition from the Iranian and Assad regimes, as well as Turkish discontent over the Syrian Kurds' autonomous rights (although the future status of northeastern Syria is the subject of another wave of refugees and American support can provide incentives for Turkish acceptance). There is also the risk of violations by the signatories, as happened after the deescalation agreement in southwest Syria that was signed between the U.S., Russia and Jordan in 2017. To overcome these risks, the deal must be well differentiated from the Iranian nuclear issue, the incentives should be defined and clear and a supervision process put into place.

An agreement along these lines would benefit U.S. and Israeli interests, meet important Russian objectives and deescalate tensions. The deal is not perfect, but it would offer the prospect of stability and peace for the people of Syria. The alternative is grim indeed.

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## BUSINESS/WEATHER



Ahn Young-joon/AP

**South Korean protesters with an image of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stage a rally Tuesday in Seoul. Colonial-era Korean laborers have formally requested that a South Korean court approve the sale of local assets of their former Japanese employer.**

## Colonial-era Korean laborers seek Mitsubishi compensation

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Colonial-era Korean forced laborers launched a legal step Tuesday to get court approval for the sale of local assets of their former Japanese employer Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, which has refused to compensate the former workers.

South Korea's Supreme Court last year ordered two Japanese companies, including Mitsubishi, to pay compensation to some aging Korean plaintiffs who were forced to work for them when the Korean Peninsula was under Tokyo's 1910-45 colonial rule. The Japanese firms have refused to abide by the rulings, siding with their government's position that all compensation issues were settled when Japan and South Korea established diplomatic ties in 1965.

On Tuesday, lawyers for ex-laborers for Mitsubishi formally requested a district court in South Korea to authorize the sales of some of the firm's assets in South Korea, which have already been seized, according to a civic group supporting the former laborers.

"There is a limit in our waiting," a group statement said. "Regrettably, three plaintiffs have passed away this year alone while Mitsubishi has been refusing to implement the court rulings." If the court approves, Mitsubishi's assets will be put up for auction to raise funds to pay the compensation in a process expected to take several months.

"The movement of cashing assets of Japanese companies is very concerning," Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said. "We strongly urge the Korean side to take measures to correct this illegal condition, and there is no change to our position."

South Korea and Japan are currently engaged in escalating trade and political disputes over Japan's decision to tighten the approval process for the export of some high-tech materials.

South Korea believes the trade restriction was retaliation to its court rulings on forced laborers. Japan has denied that, saying its steps were taken out of national security concerns.

## Coke's variety of drinks drives revenue growth

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola upped its revenue expectations for the year as new lines of healthier drinks and coffees win over fans.

Chairman and CEO James Quincey said product innovation is helping the company gain global market share. New and reformulated products — like Coca-Cola Plus Coffee and lower-calorie Simply juices — now account for 25% of the company's revenue, Quincey said, up from 15% two years ago.

The world's largest drink company also sees plenty of room for growth. Quincey said 80% of the world's population lives in developing markets like Africa, India and China, where commercial beverages make up just one-quarter of drink consumption. In developed markets, commercial beverages account for three-quarters of consumption.

"That's a huge opportunity in front of us," Quincey said. "We're seeing good growth this quarter and have been seeing it for a while."

Coke posted second quarter earnings of \$2.61 billion, or 61 cents. Earnings, adjusted for one-time gains and costs, came to 63 cents per share, which is a penny better than expected, according to analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue was \$10 billion, also beating expectations.

Shares of Coca-Cola Co. rose 3% to \$52.92 in early trading Tuesday after the Atlanta company projected organic revenue

growth of 5% for the year. That's equal to its growth in 2018 and better than the 4% organic revenue growth the company initially forecast in January.

Coke said it still expects full year earnings growth between 1% and negative 1%.

Coke said its first energy drink, Coca-Cola Energy, launched in Europe during the quarter and saw some sales success. The company plans to expand sales of the new product to 20 markets by the end of this year. Quincey said the company hasn't yet said when the drink will come to the U.S.

Coke's acquisition of British coffee shop chain Costa Coffee — which was completed earlier this year — is also paying off. New drinks like Coca-Cola Plus Coffee and chilled, low-sugar Costa Coffee beverages saw growth in the April-June period.

Sales of Coke's namesake soft drinks rose 3% in the quarter, thanks to double-digit growth of Coca-Cola Zero Sugar and new products like Coca-Cola Orange

Vanilla.

Coke recorded some softness in older products like Dasani bottled water and Minute Maid juices. But in those cases, higher sales of premium products like Smartwater and Simply juices made up for some of the shortfall.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (July 24)	\$1.1476
Dollar buys (July 24)	€0.8714
British pound (July 24)	\$1.28
Japanese yen (July 24)	¥105.16
South Korean won (July 24)	₩1,149.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2446
Canada (Dollar)	1.3148
China (Yuan)	6.8795
Denmark (Krone)	6.6892
Egypt (Pound)	16.6212
Euro	\$1.1161/0.8960
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8116
Hungary (Forint)	291.89
Israel (Shekel)	3.5368
Japan (Yen)	108.25
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3045
Norway (Krone)	8.6836
Philippines (Peso)	51.13
Poland (Zloty)	3.81
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7501
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3651
South Korea (Won)	1,179.89
Taiwan (New Dollar)	0.9837
Thailand (Baht)	36.901
Turkey (Lira)	6.9091

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom; for nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## MARKET WATCH

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Dow Jones Industrials	17,70
	27,171.90
Nasdaq composite	57.65
	8,204.14
Standard & Poor's 500	8.42
	2,985.03
Russell 2000	-3.12
	1,544.78

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.50
Discount rate	3.00
Federals funds market rate	4.14
3-month bill	2.04
30-year bond	2.57

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

## WEDNESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



## WEDNESDAY IN EUROPE

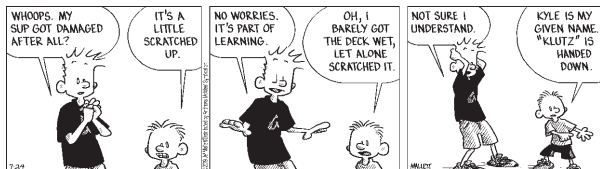


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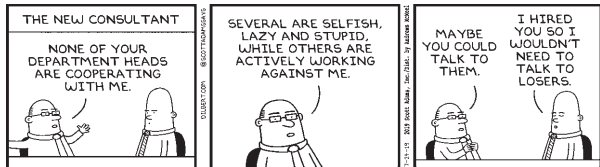


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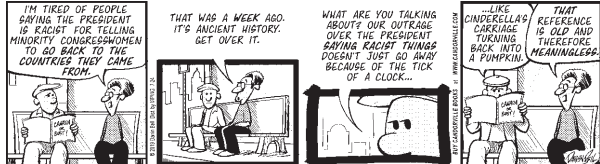
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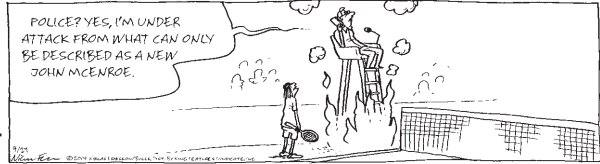
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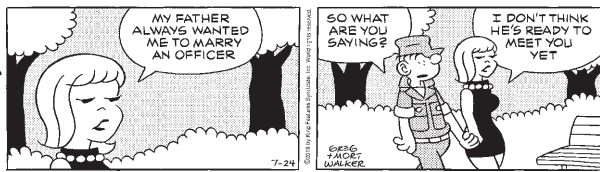
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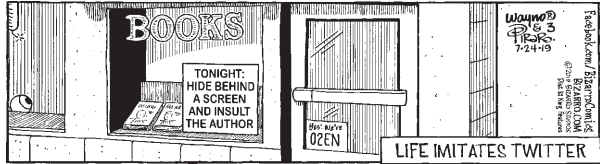
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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### ACROSS

- Nile reptile
- Tree home
- Rams fans?
- Mauna —
- Notion
- Calendar span
- Yale grad
- Misleading recommendations
- Pink hue
- Sushi choice
- Arizona city
- Man of morals?
- Massachusetts
- Melody
- Flamenco cheer
- Handled
- Kingston Trio hit
- Peregrinate
- Pub perch
- Allen or Frome
- Seized vehicle
- Soak (up)
- Mars explorer
- Barnes & Noble, for one
- Actress Mendes
- Dianist Frank
- "Hey, sailor!"
- Pester
- Incite
- Scatters seeds

### DOWN

- Mr. Guinness
- Without help
- Twosome
- Corn kernels
- College URL ender
- Religious sch.
- Hit with a stun gun
- Shoelace hole
- Teeny
- Listener
- Soon-to-be grads
- Earl Grey, e.g.
- Mornings (Abbr.)
- Swedish auto
- Fighting
- Wrestling style
- Aware of
- Bell sound
- Drill
- Oodles
- "Amen!"
- Frinch 101 verb
- Fish-eating hawks
- Like Zorro or Batman
- As well
- Refusals
- School support orgs.
- Peddle
- Author Hunter
- Sitar music
- Purse
- Yoko from Tokyo
- 52 — roll (winning)
- Discoverer's call
- Squabble

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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## SWIMMING/SPORTS BRIEFS

# China's Sun wins by DQ, gets shunned on podium

By BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

GWANGJU, South Korea — Sun Yang was in the middle of controversy at the world swimming championships again. Only this time, it wasn't his doing.

The Chinese star still got shunned on the medals podium again.

Sun won the 200-meter freestyle on Tuesday night after Danas Rapsys of Lithuania finished first and got disqualified for a false start.

Sun touched second, but got elevated after Rapsys had already celebrated in the pool.

Sun appeared surprised, clapping his hands to his face, but quickly sat on the lane rope and raised both arms in the air as a mix of cheers and boos rang out.

Katsuhiko Matsumoto of Japan took silver. Martin Malýutin of Russia and Duncan Scott of Britain tied for bronze.

On the podium, Scott wanted no part of sharing the moment with Sun.

Scott kept his hands clasped behind his back and refused to shake Sun's hand, standing off on his own while the other medalists joined Sun to pose for photographers.

Sun, who served a three-month doping ban in 2014, is being allowed by FINA to compete in Gwangju ahead of a Court for Arbitration in Sport hearing in September that threatens Sun's career.

After Sun won the 400 free, silver medalist Mack Horton of Australia refused to step on the



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

**Lily King of the United States poses with her gold medal Tuesday after winning the women's 100-meter breaststroke at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea.**

podium or acknowledge Sun during the medals ceremony. FINA, swimming's governing body, sent warning letters to Swimming Australia and Horton for his actions.

"FINA has currently done more to reprimand Mack Horton than they have done to reprimand Sun Yang," said American Lily King, who won the women's 100 breaststroke.

Sun has been accused of smashing vials of his blood with a hammer during a clash last year with testers, and faces a lifetime ban if found guilty.

Sun, the current Olympic champion in the 200 free, earned

his third straight medal in the event at worlds and second gold in a row.

He was timed in 1 minute, 44.93 seconds.

King and Russia's Yulia Efimova kept all the drama in the pool in the 100 breaststroke.

They were neck-and-neck down the stretch before King got her hand on the wall first, touching in 1:04.93.

Efimova was second in 1:05.49. Martina Carraro of Italy took bronze.

Without three-time defending champion Katie Ledecky in the field, Simona Quadarella of Italy won the 1,500 freestyle in 15:40.89 — well off Ledecky's world record of 15:20.48.

Earlier Tuesday, the American star withdrew from the final because of unspecified illness. Ledecky also dropped out of the 200 freestyle heats.

Sarah Kohler of Germany earned silver and Wang Jianjiahe of China took bronze.

Olympic and defending world champion Ryan Murphy was upset in the men's 100 backstroke.

Xu Jiayu of China won in 52.43 seconds.

Evgeny Rylov of Russia took silver and Mitch Larkin of Australia got bronze.

Murphy, who was under his own world-record pace at the turn, faded to fourth. Fellow American Matt Grevers was fifth.

In the women's 100 back, Kylie Masse of Canada won in 58.60.

Mina Atherton of Australia took silver and American Olivia Smoliga earned bronze.



PAUL SANCTA/AP

**Seattle Seahawks defensive tackle Jarran Reed has been suspended for six games by the NFL for violating the personal conduct policy.**

## Briefly

# Seahawks DL Reed suspended six games

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Seattle defensive lineman Jarran Reed has been suspended for six games by the NFL for violating the personal conduct policy.

Reed may participate in pre-season practices and games, but will not be available to the Seahawks until Oct. 14.

The suspension stems from an incident in April 2017. He was being investigated for assaulting a woman, who then filed an assault complaint. But Reed was not charged.

Reed comes off a solid 2018 season and was expected to be the leader of the defensive line after Seattle traded Frank Clark to Kansas City. Reed, 26, had 10 1-2 sacks and 50 tackles last season.

He was a second-round draft pick from Alabama in 2016.

In other NFL news:

■ The Atlanta Falcons and former Kansas City Chiefs defensive end Allen Bailey agreed to a two-year, \$10.5 million contract.

The 30-year-old Bailey had a career-high six sacks for the Chiefs in 2018.

## Ewan wins Stage 16 in suffocating heat

NIMES, France — Caleb Ewan beat his sprinting rivals in suffocating heat to win Stage 16 of the Tour de France on Tuesday, with Frenchman Julian Alaphilippe keeping the race leader's yellow jersey.

With temperatures soaring as high as 104 Fahrenheit, Alaphilippe and his main rivals did not attack each other over the 177-kilometer mainly flat stage in the Nîmes rural hinterland.

Defending champion Geraint Thomas crashed about 40 kilometers after the race started from the Roman city but escaped largely unscathed, with a few scratches on his left elbow.

Ewan, a Tour debutant, edged Elia Viviani and Dylan Groenewegen to post his second stage win following his maiden suc-

cess in Toulouse last week. After a group of five breakaway riders was caught two kilometers from the finish, Viviani was set up by his teammates and launched the sprint about 200 meters from the line but could not resist Ewan's comeback.

## Boxer Dadashev dies from brain injury in ring

MOSCOW — Boxer Maxim Dadashev has died after suffering a brain injury in a fight in Maryland. He was 28.

The Russian Boxing Federation says Dadashev died "as a result of the injuries he sustained" in Friday's light-welterweight fight with Subriel Matias at the Theater at MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Md.

Dadashev was hospitalized shortly after the fight, which was stopped by his corner following the 11th round after Dadashev took numerous shots to the head.

Footage from the fight shows Dadashev shaking his head as his trainer, Buddy McGirt, pleads with him to stop the fight, telling him: "You're getting hit too much, Max. Please, Max, please let me do this."

Both fighters were 13-0 before the fight, which offered the winner the right to challenge IBF title-holder Josh Taylor.

## Wolff to be Austin FC's first head coach

AUSTIN, Texas — Former U.S. men's national team player and current assistant coach Josh Wolff will be the first head coach of Austin FC, the new Major League Soccer franchise that is scheduled to begin play in 2021.

Wolff's appointment was announced Tuesday. Austin FC will be MLS's 27th franchise when it takes the field. The league opted to expand rather than move the Columbus Crew, one of MLS's bedrock franchises, from Ohio to Texas after a determined effort by Crew fans to keep their team.



MARK SCHIEFFELBEIN/AP

China's Sun Yang, center, gestures to Britain's bronze medalists Duncan Scott, left, following the medal ceremony in the men's 200-meter freestyle final. Scott refused to stand on the podium with Sun, who is being allowed to compete ahead of a Court for Arbitration in Sport hearing that could end his career.

NFL

# Sizzling: Patriots lost key cog when Gronkowski retired

## FROM BACK PAGE

Some things to keep an eye on until the Packers and Bears kick off on Sept. 5 to open the league's 100th season.

### Brady, yes; Gronk, no

We're not likely to see much of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady until opening day. We won't see any of his buddy and standout tight end, Rob Gronkowski, whose battered body caused him to retire.

It's a big blow for the soon-to-be 42-year-old Brady, who somehow manages to overcome such obstacles.

"Yeah, it's the first time in a long time and he was such a great player for our team," Brady says of Gronk. "I think like any season, things are different and we're going to have to adjust differently and teams are going to play us differently without him. We've seen it even when he's been on the team.

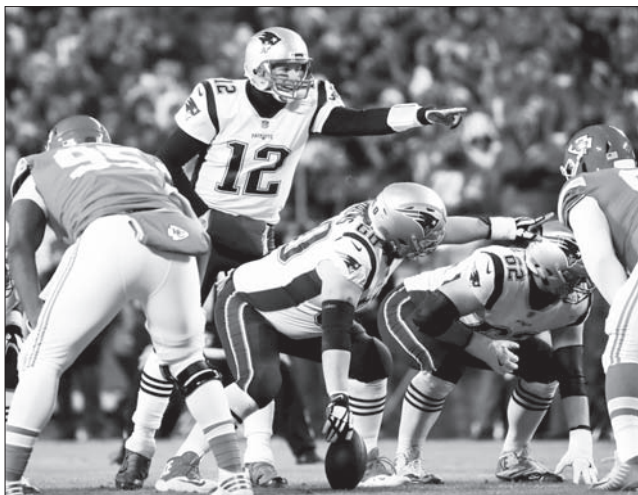
"That's got to be a position of strength even if it's not one player but multiple players doing different roles. There were times in my career before that where we had similar approaches. No one's going to make any excuses for our offense. We're going to do everything we can to be the best we can be, score every time we touch the ball, and the tight end position's a big part of our offense and those guys are going to have to do a great job for us."

Those guys include veteran Ben Watson, who also was ready for retirement before opting to come back to New England. But Gronk's absence is the most critical difference for last season's champions.

### Coaching carousel

When the spinning stopped, new head coaches landed in Tampa, Miami, Green Bay, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Arizona, Denver and New Jersey.

**Bruce Arians, Buccaneers:** One of two hires with previous head coaching experience (Adam Gase is the other), Arians is charged with developing the talent and instilling maturity in Jameis Winston. The quarterback never has lived up to his top overall draft pick status, but if anyone



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Don't expect to see much of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, above, until opening day. Don't expect to see any of his buddy and standout tight end, Rob Gronkowski, who retired at the end of last season.

can push Winston toward elite status, it is QB whisperer Arians.

**Brian Flores, Dolphins:** For a while, it looked as if Miami was going to tank this season as it reorganizes from top to bottom. But this is not the worst roster in the league. Still, Flores has to prove a Belichick protégé can succeed as a head coach.

**Matt LaFleur, Packers:** Aaron Rodgers isn't the easiest superstar passer to work with, so keep an eye on the transition in Cheesehead Land. The offense should be pretty good if A-Rod is healthy, so the biggest chess is upgrading a previously unreliable defense.

**Zac Taylor, Bengals:** Good luck, Zac. The Bengals have the weakest talent group in the AFC North, with even their stars such as A.J. Green and Geno Atkins carrying big question marks. Of course, if Taylor ever wins one postseason game, he will have outdone Marvin Lewis.

**Fredie Kitchens, Browns:**

The idea here is that Kitchens, QB Baker Mayfield and wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. will blend their skills and personalities to create a dynamic offense. And, yes, a winner on the shores of Lake Erie. Of all the new hires, Kitchens might be under the most pressure considering the ramped-up expectations in Cleveland—and the potential for major disruptions.

**Kliff Kingsbury, Cardinals:** Perhaps the strangest hire of this group because Kingsbury had a mediocre record at Texas Tech and was fired. But he specializes in the kind of offense top draftee Kyler Murray favors, and he is innovative. Kingsbury also is stuck with a weak roster.

**Vic Fangio, Broncos:** A career assistant who has built strong defenses for years—including in Chicago last season—Fangio is the latest sideline boss hired by John Elway. He has some studs on D with Von Miller, Chris Har-

ris Jr. and Bradley Chubb, so improvement is possible. Can the offense, with Joe Flacco behind center, do the same?

**Adam Gase, Jets:** Developing Sam Darnold into the franchise QB the Jets believe he will become is Gase's responsibility. While there's been substantial turmoil in New York's front office, the roster has been upgraded with the likes of RB Le'Veon Bell and LB C.J. Mosley. That gives Gase a chance to do what predecessor Todd Bowles could not: make the playoffs.

### Who are those guys?

New addresses for veterans now with the Jets, Browns, Raiders, Broncos and Jaguars on offense could have huge impacts. Defensively, the Cowboys, Chiefs, Cardinals, Rams and Redskins made major moves.

**Le'Veon Bell, Jets:** Bell will get plenty of work as a runner

and receiver, and is critical to turning Darnold into a dangerous quarterback—and the Jets into a contender.

**Odell Beckham Jr., Browns:** If the histrionics and selfish attitude disappear, Beckham could link with Mayfield for the best pass-catch combination in football.

**Antonio Brown, Raiders:** If the histrionics and selfish attitude disappear, Brown might make Jon Gruden and Mike Mayock look very wise with this trade.

**Joe Flacco, Broncos:** Flacco got hurt and lost his job to Lamar Jackson last year; he would have lost it eventually, anyway. So Flacco gets a fresh start in the Rockies, but his receiving group is very questionable.

**Nick Foles, Jaguars:** The most intriguing move of the offseason. Foles was perfect for Philadelphia's offense, and the Jaguars want to be more of a running team. There is something special about Foles, though, so don't doubt him.

**Earl Thomas, Ravens:** Jerry Jones coveted this premier safety for years and didn't get him for the Cowboys. Baltimore gets a somewhat battered player who should become a leader in the secondary and locker room, and will never give less than his all.

**Frank Clark and Tyrann Mathieu, Chiefs:** Had the Chiefs boasted any sort of defense in '18, they probably would be NFL champions. Now, they can boast a little bit, with Clark supplying a pass rush and Mathieu playmaking everywhere.

**Terrell Suggs, Cardinals:** This is likely Suggs' last stop in a Hall of Fame-caliber career. He might get a lot of sacks, but the end game is the Cardinals won't contend even if he does dominate blockers.

**Eric Weddle, Rams:** Savvy and versatile, though a bit beyond his prime, Weddle joins an already stout defense that lost an important cog in safety Lamaricus Joyner.

**Landon Collins, Redskins:** It was bad enough the Giants allowed their best defender to leave in free agency. Then he goes to a division rival, where he immediately is a huge upgrade. Collins should be very active in Washington—especially when the Giants are the opponent.



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# NFL training camp team capsules

## DALLAS COWBOYS (11-5)

**OPEN CAMP:** Made playoffs for second time in three years with win over NFC title rival New England. Dynamic young pair got big boost from mid-season trade for WR Amar'o Cooper. Dallas went 7-1 in season's half to tie for NFC's best record. Wide-card game against Seattle, led to LA Rams in divisional round. Defensive line might need to shine in Jaylon Smith and Leighton Vander Esch to go with pass-rushing standout DeMarcus Lawrence, who has 10 sacks in 11 games.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** TE Jason Witten, WR Randall Cobb, DT Trysten Hill, S George Iloka, OLB Anthony Hitchens, WR Phillip Rivers. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** WR Cole Beasley, TE Geoff Swann, LB David Irving, LB Damien Wilson.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Pecking order behind two-time NFL rushing champ Elliott will be priority. Most important position is defensive tackle pick Pollard. Travis Frevette returns after missing last season with nerve disorder, so tracking four-year Pro Bowl center's progress during camp will be important. Cowboys didn't miss much in offseason to change outlook at safety, so perceived weak link in defense will end under scrutiny.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Super Bowl or bust? Pro Bowl franchise has been on a roller coaster since 2010. Dallas nearly 25 years ago, and owner Jerry Jones badly missed the back when Jason Garrett enters the Dallas year of contract signed after 2014 season, when Dallas won just second playoff game since Super Bowl. Cowboys' momentum might need to lead to Cowboys to first NFC championship game since then to survive, and even that might not be enough.

## NEW YORK GIANTS (6-11)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 24, 2019, East Rutherford, N.J.

**LAST YEAR:** Coach Pat Shurmur never had chance to succeed in his first year despite spectacular offensive explosion in second half. Quarterback Eli Manning, O-line was sive and defense could not get off field. There were no big plays in crunch time. Special teams were good. Quarterback Eli Manning, OLB Aldrick Rosas making Pro Bowl in second season.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Eli Manning, TE Daniel Fells, WR Golden Tate, S Jabari Peppers and Antoine Bethea, LB Markus Golden: three first-round picks. QB Eli Manning, TE Daniel Fells, WR Golden Tate, DT Vernon Lawrence. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Odell Beckham Jr., LB Landon Collins, LB Kyle Ryan, LB Olivier Vernon, LB Kerry Wynn, CB B.W. Webb.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Lines are key. The O-line is expected to be the right place to start. Quarterback Eli Manning needs protection after giving up 47 sacks last season, and open more holes for Barkley. Running back Saquon Barkley is expected to be the main playmaker. Linebackers Lawrence and Golden should help. Secondary is expected to be the main playmaker. Quarterback Eli Manning and Barkley expected to be shutdown cornerbacks with Janoris Jenkins.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Giants have made playoffs once (2016) since winning Super Bowl in February 2012. If lines do their job and Barkley has another big season, the Giants could be a contender. In Cleveland, some receiver must step up and provide a spark. The Giants need to be a contender. Dan Goffett's manager. Manning, in final year of contract, gets another chance to run more. More mobile running back Saquon Barkley is expected to be the main playmaker.

## WASHINGTON REDSKINS (7-9)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 25, Richmond, Va.

**LAST YEAR:** Almost everything went right for Redskins in 2018. Quarterback Kirk Cousins delivered their season. Alex Smith broke his right leg in gruesome fashion, leading to steady decline in Cousins' production. Cousins' production was down, but he was still a starter. Cousins' production was down, but he was still a starter. Cousins' production was down, but he was still a starter.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** DBs Dwayne Haskins and Case Keenum, S London Collins, LB Montez Sweat, WR Terry McLaurin, OLB Eric Flowers, OLB Darius Slayton, WR Chris Thompson, WR Chris Thompson, WR Chris Thompson. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** WR Jamison Crowder, WR Chris Thompson, WR Chris Thompson, WR Chris Thompson.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Redskins have to make fewer risky throws and expand knowledge of NFL's offense. Redskins have to make fewer risky throws and expand knowledge of NFL's offense. Redskins have to make fewer risky throws and expand knowledge of NFL's offense. Redskins have to make fewer risky throws and expand knowledge of NFL's offense.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Redskins have been between 7- and 9-7 in Gruden's past four seasons. Anything less than a playoff berth would be a disappointment. Redskins have been between 7- and 9-7 in Gruden's past four seasons. Anything less than a playoff berth would be a disappointment. Redskins have been between 7- and 9-7 in Gruden's past four seasons. Anything less than a playoff berth would be a disappointment.

## PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (10-8)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 24, Philadelphia.

**LAST YEAR:** Defensive coordinator Nick Sirianni lost three-fourths of starting secondary, top two cornerbacks and one of the best safeties in the league. But he led by Nick Foles earned wild-card berth and won playoff game in Chicago before barely falling to New England in AFC title game.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** WR DeSean Jackson, WR A.J. Brown, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Eagles need Wentz to prove he can carry the offense. Eagles need Wentz to prove he can carry the offense. Eagles need Wentz to prove he can carry the offense. Eagles need Wentz to prove he can carry the offense.

**EXPECTATIONS:** It's Super Bowl or bust for Eagles after winning it all for first time two years ago. If they can't reach the playoffs, it will be a disappointment. Eagles after winning it all for first time two years ago. If they can't reach the playoffs, it will be a disappointment. Eagles after winning it all for first time two years ago. If they can't reach the playoffs, it will be a disappointment.

## MINNESOTA VIKINGS (9-7)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 26, Eagan, Minn.

**LAST YEAR:** Stumbled underneath weight of Super Bowl II loss. Quarterback Kirk Cousins led QB Kirk Cousins into 2018, following trip to NFC championship game and playoff loss to New England. Cousins led Vikings to 9-7 record. Cousins led Vikings to 9-7 record. Cousins led Vikings to 9-7 record.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** C Garrett Bradbury, RB Alexander Mattison, WR Jordan Taylor, assistant coach Mike Zimmer. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** DT Sheldon Richardson and Tom Johnson, RB Latavius Murray, RB Mike Remmers, RB Alexander Mattison, WR Jordan Taylor.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Establish continuity and confidence up front, with rookie Bradbury anchoring line and Pat Elfving shifting from center to guard. Linebacker Matt LaFleur is a key player. Linebacker Matt LaFleur is a key player. Linebacker Matt LaFleur is a key player.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Though Zimmer never had contract option exercised to be on books through 2020, he is expected to be on books through 2020. Zimmer never had contract option exercised to be on books through 2020. Zimmer never had contract option exercised to be on books through 2020.

## NEW YORK JETS (6-11)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 25, Green Bay, Wis.

**LAST YEAR:** Packers' 2018 campaign was defined by a surprise win over the Colts. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers was the main playmaker. Aaron Rodgers was the main playmaker. Aaron Rodgers was the main playmaker.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Aaron Rodgers, WR Jordane Lewis, WR Jordane Lewis, WR Jordane Lewis, WR Jordane Lewis. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Aaron Rodgers, WR Jordane Lewis, WR Jordane Lewis, WR Jordane Lewis.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Packers need ambitious LaFleur and headstrong Rodgers to build bond within LaFleur and Rodgers. Packers need ambitious LaFleur and headstrong Rodgers to build bond within LaFleur and Rodgers. Packers need ambitious LaFleur and headstrong Rodgers to build bond within LaFleur and Rodgers.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Packers need to be a contender. Packers need to be a contender. Packers need to be a contender. Packers need to be a contender. Packers need to be a contender.

## CHICAGO BEARS (12-5)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 24, Chicago, Ill.

**LAST YEAR:** In his first year, coach Matt Nagy took Bears to playoffs for first time since 2010. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes led Bears to 12-5 record. Patrick Mahomes led Bears to 12-5 record. Patrick Mahomes led Bears to 12-5 record.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Patrick Mahomes, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Patrick Mahomes, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Trubisky has to make fewer risky throws and expand knowledge of NFL's offense. Trubisky has to make fewer risky throws and expand knowledge of NFL's offense. Trubisky has to make fewer risky throws and expand knowledge of NFL's offense.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Chicago is going for first back-to-back Super Bowl. Chicago is going for first back-to-back Super Bowl. Chicago is going for first back-to-back Super Bowl. Chicago is going for first back-to-back Super Bowl.

## ATLANTA FALCONS (7-9)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 27, Flowery Branch, Ga.

**LAST YEAR:** Atlanta closed season with three straight wins over NFC title rival New England. Quarterback Matt Ryan led Falcons to 7-9 record. Matt Ryan led Falcons to 7-9 record. Matt Ryan led Falcons to 7-9 record.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Matt Ryan, WR Julio Jones, WR Julio Jones, WR Julio Jones, WR Julio Jones. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Matt Ryan, WR Julio Jones, WR Julio Jones, WR Julio Jones.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Falcons need to be a contender. Falcons need to be a contender. Falcons need to be a contender. Falcons need to be a contender. Falcons need to be a contender.

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## CAROLINA PANTHERS (7-9)

**OPEN CAMP:** Aug. 6-7, Charlotte, N.C.

**LAST YEAR:** Panthers started season with three straight wins over AFC title rival New England. Quarterback Cam Newton led Panthers to 7-9 record. Cam Newton led Panthers to 7-9 record. Cam Newton led Panthers to 7-9 record.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Cam Newton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Cam Newton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton, WR Darius Slayton.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Panthers need to be a contender. Panthers need to be a contender. Panthers need to be a contender. Panthers need to be a contender. Panthers need to be a contender.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Panthers started season with three straight wins over AFC title rival New England. Quarterback Cam Newton led Panthers to 7-9 record. Cam Newton led Panthers to 7-9 record. Cam Newton led Panthers to 7-9 record.

## NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (11-5)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 24, Metairie, La.

**LAST YEAR:** Saints' season was defined by a surprise win over the Colts. Quarterback Drew Brees led Saints to 11-5 record. Drew Brees led Saints to 11-5 record. Drew Brees led Saints to 11-5 record.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Drew Brees, WR Alvin Kamara, WR Alvin Kamara, WR Alvin Kamara, WR Alvin Kamara. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Drew Brees, WR Alvin Kamara, WR Alvin Kamara, WR Alvin Kamara.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Saints need to be a contender. Saints need to be a contender. Saints need to be a contender. Saints need to be a contender. Saints need to be a contender.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Saints need to be a contender. Saints need to be a contender. Saints need to be a contender. Saints need to be a contender. Saints need to be a contender.

## TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS (5-11)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 25, Tampa, Fla.

**LAST YEAR:** Buccaneers' season was defined by a surprise win over the Colts. Quarterback Tom Brady led Buccaneers to 5-11 record. Tom Brady led Buccaneers to 5-11 record. Tom Brady led Buccaneers to 5-11 record.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Tom Brady, WR Mike Evans, WR Mike Evans, WR Mike Evans, WR Mike Evans. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Tom Brady, WR Mike Evans, WR Mike Evans, WR Mike Evans.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Buccaneers need to be a contender. Buccaneers need to be a contender. Buccaneers need to be a contender. Buccaneers need to be a contender. Buccaneers need to be a contender.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Buccaneers need to be a contender. Buccaneers need to be a contender. Buccaneers need to be a contender. Buccaneers need to be a contender. Buccaneers need to be a contender.

## ARIZONA CARDINALS (3-13)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 25, Tempe, Ariz.

**LAST YEAR:** Cardinals had one of worst seasons in franchise history. Quarterback Carson Palmer led Cardinals to 3-13 record. Carson Palmer led Cardinals to 3-13 record. Carson Palmer led Cardinals to 3-13 record.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Carson Palmer, WR Larry Fitzgerald, WR Larry Fitzgerald, WR Larry Fitzgerald, WR Larry Fitzgerald. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Carson Palmer, WR Larry Fitzgerald, WR Larry Fitzgerald, WR Larry Fitzgerald.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Cardinals need to be a contender. Cardinals need to be a contender. Cardinals need to be a contender. Cardinals need to be a contender. Cardinals need to be a contender.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Cardinals are looking at rebuilding year with coach Kliff Kingsbury. Cardinals are looking at rebuilding year with coach Kliff Kingsbury. Cardinals are looking at rebuilding year with coach Kliff Kingsbury.

## LOS ANGELES RAMS (15-4)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 25, Inglewood, Calif.

**LAST YEAR:** Reached first Super Bowl in 17 years to cap incredible two-year transformation under coach Sean McVay. Quarterback Matt Ryan led Rams to 15-4 record. Matt Ryan led Rams to 15-4 record. Matt Ryan led Rams to 15-4 record.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** S Eric Weddle, LB Clay Matthews, QB Blake Bortles, S Taylor Reagor, DT Greg Bollar, WR Todd Gurley, WR Todd Gurley, WR Todd Gurley, WR Todd Gurley.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Rams allowed several veterans to get away in offseason, and they left holes in starting line. Weddle should fit seamlessly into Joynier's secondary. Rams allowed several veterans to get away in offseason, and they left holes in starting line. Weddle should fit seamlessly into Joynier's secondary.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Rams are looking at rebuilding year with coach Sean McVay. Rams are looking at rebuilding year with coach Sean McVay. Rams are looking at rebuilding year with coach Sean McVay.

## SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (12-5)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 27, Santa Clara, Calif.

**LAST YEAR:** 49ers' season was defined by a surprise win over the Colts. Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo and RB Jerick McKinnon going for second straight Super Bowl. Jimmy Garoppolo and RB Jerick McKinnon going for second straight Super Bowl.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Jimmy Garoppolo, WR Deebo Samuel, WR Deebo Samuel, WR Deebo Samuel, WR Deebo Samuel. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Jimmy Garoppolo, WR Deebo Samuel, WR Deebo Samuel, WR Deebo Samuel.

**CAMP NEEDS:** 49ers need to be a contender. 49ers need to be a contender. 49ers need to be a contender. 49ers need to be a contender. 49ers need to be a contender.

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## SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (10-7)

**OPEN CAMP:** July 25, Renton, Wash.

**LAST YEAR:** Seahawks' season was defined by a surprise win over the Colts. Quarterback Russell Wilson led Seahawks to 10-7 record. Russell Wilson led Seahawks to 10-7 record. Russell Wilson led Seahawks to 10-7 record.

**IMPORTANT ADDITIONS:** QB Russell Wilson, WR Mike Tyson, WR Mike Tyson, WR Mike Tyson, WR Mike Tyson. **IMPORTANT LOSSES:** QB Russell Wilson, WR Mike Tyson, WR Mike Tyson, WR Mike Tyson.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Seahawks need to be a contender. Seahawks need to be a contender. Seahawks need to be a contender. Seahawks need to be a contender. Seahawks need to be a contender.

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# Angels magnize Saggs at memorial

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Los Angeles Angels pitcher Andrew Heaney urged those at a private memorial service to remember a gift fallen teammate Tyler Skaggs gave to them.

"Take a moment, close your eyes and think of a story or even an image that reminds you of all the good times you had with Ty," Heaney said. "Take that memory and hold it in your hearts and in your minds. That is his lasting gift to everyone here."

Skaggs' teammates and family gathered Monday at a Catholic church in his native Santa Monica to remember Skaggs, who was found dead in his hotel room in Texas on July 1. He died shortly before his 28th birthday.

The mourners remembered Skaggs as a beloved, fun-loving husband, teammate and friend whose upbeat personality brought joy to everyone around him. The altar was flanked by two large red-and-white floral arrangements prominently featuring No. 45, Skaggs' uniform number.

Hundreds of attendees laughed and cried at the eulogies from 14 speakers. Several family members related stories of Skaggs as a precocious, upbeat kid who just happened to grow into a world-class athlete.

"To Tyler's parents and family, what an incredible job you did raising such a wonderful person of life," said Padres pitcher Garrett Richards, a longtime teammate who was drafted by the Angels along with Skaggs in 2009. "Carli, your husband had a big smile, but an even bigger heart. He truly cared about people. I feel so honored to have known and spent as much time with him as I did. He impacted me in so many areas of my life. Rest in peace, Skaggs."

The final speaker was Carli Skaggs, who made a last-minute decision to share poignant memories of her life since their marriage last winter.

"I didn't think I'd be able to do it," Carli Skaggs said. "Tyler gave me some strength."

The service's angels and owner Artur Moreno were joined by former team members including longtime manager Mike Scioscia, Jeff Weaver, Richards, David Freese and Matt Shoemaker. They were joined by Ryan Braun of the Milwaukee Brewers, Jack Flaherty of the St. Louis Cardinals and former major leaguer Trevor Plouffe, all Los Angeles-area natives and friends of Skaggs.

After the service, mourners were greeted by a catering truck from In-N-Out Burger, a Southern California institution, and one of Skaggs' favorite meals.

## Scoreboard

American League				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	57	46	.553	9
Tampa Bay	56	46	.549	—
Boston	38	64	.373	27½
Baltimore	31	68	.313	33
Central Division				
Minnesota	61	38	.616	—
Cleveland	58	41	.586	—
Chicago	52	42	.554	15
Kansas City	37	64	.366	25
Detroit	30	56	.316	29
West Division				
Houston	65	31	.677	—
Seattle	57	44	.564	7½
Los Angeles	52	49	.515	12½
Texas	50	50	.500	14
San Francisco	41	62	.398	24½

National League				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	60	41	.594	—
Washington	52	48	.521	6½
Philadelphia	52	48	.520	—
New York	45	54	.455	14
Miami	36	62	.367	22½
Central Division				
Chicago	56	46	.540	—
St. Louis	52	47	.525	1½
Pittsburgh	46	53	.465	7½
Cincinnati	45	53	.459	—
West Division				
Los Angeles	67	35	.657	—
Arizona	51	50	.505	15½
San Francisco	51	50	.505	15½
Colorado	47	52	.475	18½
San Diego	32	47	.389	24½

Sunday's games				
Chicago	5	6	540	—
St. Louis	52	47	.525	1½
Pittsburgh	46	53	.465	7½
Cincinnati	45	53	.459	—
Twins 8, Yankees 6				
Minnesota	4	1	.800	—
Yankees	6	1	.857	—
Chicago	56	46	.540	—
St. Louis	52	47	.525	1½
Pittsburgh	46	53	.465	7½
Cincinnati	45	53	.459	—
Cardinals 6, Pirates 5 (10)				
St. Louis	57	46	.553	9
Pittsburgh	31	68	.313	33

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Atlanta	60	41	.594	—
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Philadelphia	52	48	.520	—
New York	45	54	.455	14
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Atlanta	60	41	.594	—
Washington	52	48	.521	6½
Philadelphia	52	48	.520	—
New York	45	54	.455	14
Miami	36	62	.367	22½
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Atlanta	60	41	.594	—
Washington	52	48	.521	6½
Philadelphia	52	48	.520	—
New York	45	54	.455	14
Miami	36	62	.367	22½
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Aug. 1	—	Last day to be contracted to an organization and be eligible for post-season roster.		
Aug. 2	—	Free agent roster expands to 40 players.		
Oct. 1-2	—	Wild-card games.		

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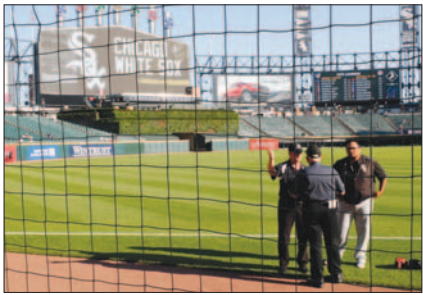
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## MLB



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Security personnel at Chicago's Guaranteed Rate Field are viewed through the newly extended protective netting along left field before a game between the Miami Marlins and the White Sox on Monday.

## Nova's four-hitter, extended netting stand out in Chicago

By SCOTT KING  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Ivan Nova stumped Miami again and improved to 5-0 against the Marlins. Nova pitched a four-hitter that led the Chicago White Sox over Miami 9-1 on Monday night.

"I always want to do my best out there," Nova said. "I always work hard. Today it finally came out."

Jose Abreu hit a two-run homer, Yoan Moncada added a three-run shot, and James McCann and Ryan Goins later connected for back-to-back drives.

"Nothing that he does surprises me," Abreu said of Moncada. "Because I know all the time that he's looking to do more. He has been working hard. He's a great baseball player with a lot of talent and I still think that he can do more."

Chicago opened a 10-game homestand by winning for the third time in its last 11 tries. The Marlins fell to 0-4 on their six-game road trip.

The White Sox became the first team in the majors to have protective netting in place from foul pole to foul pole, extending the safety measure for their first game at Guaranteed Rate Field since the All-Star break.

The new netting reaches a maximum height of 45 feet and, for ground rules, will be treated like a wall — any ball that bounces or is thrown off the nets will remain in play. The extra netting didn't come into play in its debut.

"I think it's awesome," Chicago manager Rick Renteria said. "I know they've been considering it and talking about it, a lot of people have been talking about it throughout the league, obviously through injuries and things that have occurred. For (the organization) to be on the forefront of it speaks a lot to their desire to want to give both the fans safety and still see the ballpark very clearly."

The White Sox announced the safety measure last month, a week after a foul ball at the park

sent a woman to the hospital with her head bleeding.

On Sunday in Cleveland, another fan was hurt by a foul. Indians star Francisco Lindor said he was told his line drive put a 3-year-old boy in the hospital.

"It's a great idea," White Sox pitcher Evan Marshall said. "It's a shame it wasn't done sooner and just almost a standard across baseball, I think. Finally the players are speaking out because everybody is tired of seeing people get hit."

"It just sucks the air right out of the game and we see it happen. It's hard to move on to the next pitch or do whatever because somebody's going to the emergency room," he said.

Several fans, including a 2-year-old girl in Houston, have been injured by hard-hit fouls this season. Many players and fans have implored Major League Baseball to require pole-to-pole netting covering foul territory at every ballpark.

White Sox rookie star Eloy Jimenez hit the foul last month that injured the woman.

"It's really good because now the fans are going to be more safe," he said. "Especially because line-drive foul balls, most of the time they're super hard. I think it's going to be safe for the fans."

Nova (5-9) improved to 5-0 lifetime against the Marlins, striking out five with no walks. This was his ninth career complete game — his previous one was a three-hit shutout against the Marlins for Pittsburgh on April 29, 2017.

"We've had trouble with him, to be quite honest with you," Miami manager Don Mattingly said. "And that's when we had a stack of hitters in here that did not handle him well. We have consistently not been able to do anything with him."

Jorge Alfaro homered in the second inning for the lone Miami run.

## Roundup

# Twins hit 5 homers, turn tripe play to top Yankees

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Most of the highlights for the Minnesota Twins in this remarkable season have been home runs, putting them on pace to smash the major league record.

That mark currently belongs to the New York Yankees, who watched the Twins whittle away at it on Monday night with a powerful start to this series between AL division leaders.

Mitch Garver hit two of five home runs by the Twins, who held on for an 8-6 victory over the Yankees after a tense-setting triple play in the first inning.

"Those are the teams that you're going to have to play at the end of the season if you want to hold up the trophy," said Garver, who has 19 homers in just 181 at-bats. "These are the games that are really good for us, because we're playing against the top level."

Jorge Polanco, Nelson Cruz and Max Kepler also went deep, giving the Twins their eighth game with five or more homers this season. All but Garver's second solo shot came off starter CC Sabathia (5-5), who lasted only four innings.

Just like our lineup, it's a tough lineup to face," Sabathia said, "so you've got to be sharp, and I wasn't."

Martin Perez was hit just as hard, serving up home runs to Gio Urshela in the third, Luke Voit in the fourth and AL batting leader DJ LeMahieu in the fifth.

The deciding factor, then, was those sharp grounders, starting with Edwin Encarnacion after back-to-back walks. The ball went straight to third baseman Luis Arraez, who stepped on the bag and deftly whipped the ball to second baseman Jonathan Schoop in the same motion to barely get Aaron Judge. Schoop's razor-sharp relay to first baseman Miguel Sano beat Encarnacion by a step.

Gary Sanchez grounded into an inning-ending double play in the third. Judge did the same in the sixth.

**Red Sox 9, Rays 4:** J.D. Martinez homered and drove in four runs, including an RBI double in the ninth inning following Tampa Bay's curious decision to put a position player on the mound, and visiting Boston won going away.

Eduardo Rodriguez (12-4) allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings to win his sixth straight decision. He limited the spitting Rays to a pair of infield singles.

Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash sent out rookie infielder Mike Brosseau to pitch the ninth. Brosseau, who started the game at second base, allowed doubles to Xander Bogaerts and Martin. He was the fifth player to pitch for the Rays in the game.



JEFF WHEELER, STAR TRIBUNE/AP

Twins second baseman Jonathan Schoop, top, throws to first to complete a first-inning triple play after forcing out the Yankees' Aaron Judge during Monday's game in Minneapolis.

**Indians 7, Blue Jays 3:** Mike Clevinger pitched seven innings to win his third straight decision, Oscar Mercado homered and tripled, and visiting Cleveland beat Toronto to improve to 13-3 in July.

Francisco Lindor drove in a pair of runs and Jason Kipnis had two hits and scored twice for the Indians, who are a major league-best 29-11 since June 4.

**Astros 11, Athletics 1:** Gerrit Cole pitched seven strong innings and Aledmys Diaz, Yordan Alvarez and Yuli Gurriel homered as Houston jumped on Homer Bailey for nine runs early and sailed to a win over visiting Oakland.

Co (11-5) yielded two hits and one run while striking out 11 to help Houston to its sixth straight win. Cole has won seven straight decisions, with his last loss coming on May 22.

**Cardinals 6, Pirates 5 (10):** Paul Goldschmidt hit his fifth career grand slam in the top of the 10th and right fielder Jose Martinez threw out the tying run at the plate to help visiting St. Louis beat Pittsburgh.

Goldschmidt sent a pitch from Clay Holmes (1-1) to the concourse that runs behind the wall in right-center field as the streaking Cardinals improved to 8-3 since the All-Star break.

**Reds 6, Brewers 5:** Eugenio Suarez hit a pair of home runs, including a two-run, go-ahead shot in the ninth inning off Jeremy Jeffress as visiting Cincinnati rallied past Milwaukee.

Suarez had given Cincinnati a 4-1 lead when he took Adrian Houser deep with two out in the seventh.

**Giants 5, Cubs 4:** Joe Panik hit a go-ahead double with two outs in a three-run eighth inning, and host San Francisco continued its winning ways since the All-Star break by rallying past Chicago.

Austin Slater doubled home the tying run, and Brandon Crawford hit an RBI single to help keep the late comeback against Pedro Strop (2-4) as surprising San Francisco (51-50) won for the ninth time in 10 games and 16th in 19.

**Mariners 7, Rangers 3:** Marco Gonzales recovered from a shaky start to throw seven strong innings. Austin Nola hit a three-run homer to put his team ahead for good, and host Seattle handed Texas its eighth straight loss.

**Diamondbacks 6, Orioles 3:** Eduardo Escobar tripled twice, Adam Jones had three hits against his former team and host Arizona beat Baltimore in the opener of a three-game series.



## SPORTS



## Offensive onslaught

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## SIZZLING

## Oppressive heat awaits teams for training camp

BY BARRY WILNER  
Associated Press

Until the NFL shortens its preseason, there will be one goal in late July and early August. Stay healthy.

Unfortunately, nearly every team sustains significant injuries, some of which can be devastating for the regular season. Coaches and general managers will curse under their breath when they lose a key regular, then claim the "next man up" policy will take care of the problem.

Sometimes, they are right. Often, the swearing becomes more intense and louder.

As teams settle in at sweltering training camps this week, playbooks are distributed (digitally, of course), rookies and other youngsters try to catch the eye of decision makers, and fans wonder what their teams will look like in early September. And beyond.

Except, perhaps, in New England.

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RON SCHWANE, ABOVE, AND JOHN RADUX, LEFT/AP

Above: Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield, left, talks with new head coach Freddie Kitchens at the team's training facility in Berea, Ohio. Of all the new hires, Kitchens might be under the most pressure considering the ramped-up expectations in Cleveland — and the potential for major disruptions. Left: After helping Philadelphia win the Super Bowl in 2018, Nick Foles has moved on to Jacksonville.

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